



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

10:25 a. m.

February 4, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. SULLIVAN ✓
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. CONRAD

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst returned my earlier call to him. I advised him that I wanted to let him know, I didn't want to put this in a memorandum, that we had checked his office and his home for any possible wiretaps and found nothing. Mr. Kleindienst thanked me.

I said I had also advised Dr. Henry Kissinger that we had done the same for him and found nothing.

I told Mr. Kleindienst that the check for the Attorney General (John N. Mitchell) was rescinded by Mr. Wood. Mr. Kleindienst said he understood this was done on an extensive basis last October and asked if I think it necessary to do again now. I answered with these jackals now, I wouldn't put anything past them. I told him about the Jack Anderson column in this morning's Washington Post, in which Anderson related information gathered by Charles Elliott to the effect that I had consulted Dr. Marshall de G. Ruffin, a psychiatrist. I said I have been undecided whether to sue him for libel or not. Mr. Kleindienst said, if he spelled my name right, to leave it alone. I also mentioned the Life Magazine reporter and Jack Nelson who, for the last two years, has been digging into all kinds of things about the Bureau and myself, that he wrote an article about former Agent John F. Shaw, Sr.

66 I mentioned that I sent down to him (Kleindienst) a draft of a letter to send to Senator (George S.) McGovern. I related briefly the background of the [REDACTED] matter, that he was attending John Jay College, wrote a critical letter to a professor, was suspended, put on probation and transferred from New York to Butte, that he resigned and I accepted his resignation with prejudice on the basis that he had used atrocious judgment. I said I wasn't going to allow a member of our organization to indulge in such behavior. I told Mr. Kleindienst that one of his assistants asked us to prepare an answer to McGovern's letter. Mr. Kleindienst asked if that would be coming down before 11:30, and I said I had already sent it out.

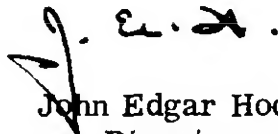
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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Sullivan, Mohr,
Bishop, Conrad

February 4, 1971

Mr. Kleindienst said he would like to have somebody get in touch with Mrs. (Sue) Morrison to have somebody go in there and thoroughly sweep the office. I said I would take care of it personally.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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February 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON
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MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. C. D. BRENNAN
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CASPER
MR. CONRAD
MR. FELT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. TAVEL
MR. WALTERS
MISS HOLMES

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J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. E. J. Connelley

RE: BUDGET ESTIMATES
FISCAL YEARS 1973 THROUGH 1977

It is requested that each division head furnish to the Administrative Division by February 20, 1971, justification data (original and one copy) regarding his division for use in preparation of the Bureau's budget estimate for the fiscal year 1973 plus specific indication of any possible changes by fiscal years thereafter through fiscal year 1977. This latter information should specifically pinpoint the fiscal year involved. The 5-year projection of costs is required by instructions of the Office of Management and Budget. It is imperative that this material be in the hands of the Administrative Division by the February 20, 1971, deadline.

The material submitted by the divisions is the basic material used to determine and justify our appropriation request. Accordingly, it should be concise and contain any data relating to your division which you feel would be of value in determining and presenting our budget request. This would include such things as work load trends, effect of any newly enacted legislation on our work, major issues or programs which may affect future manpower needs, and the like. Do not include any estimates for legislation still pending before Congress. Include work load statistics to support your justifications projected by fiscal years through 1977.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to All Assistant Directors
Re: Budget Estimates
Fiscal Years 1973 through 1977

For the information of those contacting other agencies in regard to fingerprint and name check estimates, you should be aware of the volume of work along this line an agency is submitting to the Bureau at the present time, as well as the agency estimate to the Bureau for the fiscal year 1972. In addition to obtaining an estimate for the fiscal years 1973 through 1977, the estimate for the fiscal year 1972 should be checked with the agency to determine if it should be revised in light of current work load trends. If the agency estimates that the volume of such work for the fiscal years 1972 and 1973 and for subsequent fiscal years will increase or decrease from the present volume, obtain the details as to the reason for the increase or decrease so that we will have complete information available to fully justify our total name check and fingerprint work loads. This is needed since the anticipated volume of such work to be handled by the Bureau is primarily determined by estimates submitted by agencies outside the Bureau.

Using a tabulation in the format attached, show the number of your presently assigned staff (giving date of the count) by sections (except that the Administrative Division and the Files and Communications Division should show number by sections and units) and the number of employees you feel will be necessary to handle the work of such organizational units during the fiscal year 1972 and subsequent fiscal years through 1977, broken down as to clerical and agent positions in both instances. Show the reason for any proposed increase. If reimbursable work is performed, all information on personnel should indicate the number of employees assigned or required for such work included in the total personnel figures as a one-line entry at the bottom. Major equipment needs, if any, should be set out specifically by sections (except that the Administrative Division and the Files and Communications Division should show needs by sections and units) and must be fully and completely justified. In addition, any alterations or repairs of office space or furniture contemplated should be indicated in the same manner as for equipment with full and complete justification.


From the latest available information, it appears that a portion of the new quarters at Quantico could be ready for occupancy during fiscal year 1972. With respect to the new FBI building, the General Services Administration has not given an estimated occupancy date, but for purposes

Memorandum to All Assistant Directors
Re: Budget Estimates
Fiscal Years 1973 through 1977

of making your projected estimates, assume that occupancy will be in the fiscal year 1975. Your projections should show by each fiscal year what effect these moves will have on work loads, personnel, and major equipment items supported by a full and complete explanation.

Should any question arise with regard to the preparation of these data, contact should be made with the Budget Unit of the Administrative Division.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Personnel Tabulation To Be Submitted By Divisions as Part of Budget Estimates -
Fiscal Years 1973 Through 1977

SUMMARY TABULATION -- PERSONNEL REQUEST

DIVISION _____

Section	Assigned (Date of Prepara- tion)			Currently Authorized			Required 1972			Request 1973			Estimates											
	A	C	T	A	C	T	A	C	T	A	C	T	1974			1975			1976			1977		
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A = Agents; C = Clerks; T = Total

If reimbursement work is performed by personnel assigned or anticipated, show on a line at the bottom the total of such personnel.

Any increases over currently authorized should be justified in narrative material. By currently authorized is meant the number recommended and approved in the last "personnel adequacy survey" by the Inspection Division or through other means. The term "currently authorized" has nothing to do with prior year budget requests.



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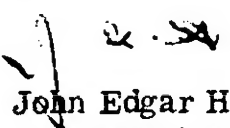
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✓ MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MOHR
MR. BRENNAN
MR. CALLAHAN
✓ MR. GALE
✓ MR. ROSEN

Reference is made to my prior memoranda which transmitted to you the names of persons who are not to be interviewed unless compelling reasons dictate, in which event the matter should be called to my attention.

Attached is identifying data regarding
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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/ NAME

[REDACTED]

PROFESSION

Free Lance Writer and
Columnist

/ ADDRESS (Residence)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

9:13 a.m.

March 1, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. SULLIVAN ✓
MR. BISHOP ✓
MR. BRENNAN ✓
MR. ROSEN ✓

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Hoover ✓

President Richard M. Nixon called from the White House and asked what is the dope on the Senate. I told him we have our men up there, that we got up there immediately. I told him a call was received at the Capitol at 1:00 a.m., this morning, and the man speaking - it was a male voice - said, "Building will blow up in exactly thirty minutes. You may have other calls like this. This one is for real. This is for retaliation for Nixon's decision in Laos."

I told the President there was a similar call received at the Capitol last Saturday at 1:12 a.m., Saturday morning, stating the same threat, indicating a bomb would go off in thirty minutes and indicating a connection with the Weatherman Group. President Nixon said it sounds like the Weatherman Group. I said yes, it sounds like them or the Black Panthers or the fringe group we have got under indictment up in Harrisburg.

I further advised the President that it was not the usual black powder used, it was dynamite; some structural damage was suffered, including a buckled brick wall, doors and frames damaged, some plaster was blown off in surrounding offices, and several hundred panes of glass in windows in adjoining offices were broken.

The President asked if they will use it today, if the Senate will be in session. I said they state so far no (major) structural damage to the building so the Senate will meet. The President said that was good. I said they ought to meet.

The President said be sure to put out the fact he called up about it and kept in touch. I said all right.

The President said as to Laos, that isn't the reason why they are doing it, and the people will react against it, won't they? I said yes, this fellow McGovern popped off against me yesterday; that he got a cold reception up in New Hampshire; that they gave him hell.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Sullivan, Bishop,
Brennan, Rosen

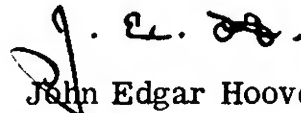
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The President said he was just leaving to go out to Iowa to speak to some of the people there. I remarked that was good country with good people. He said there are some demonstrators there but most of the people out there are good.

The President said, as to the situation in Laos, he had just talked to Admiral Moore and this thing is coming along OK. He said as long as those South Vietnamese fight, they are not going to be killing Americans. I said that is true.

I told the President I will keep him in touch.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

3:56 p.m.

March 2, 197

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

I returned an earlier call to Congressman Robert L. F. Sikes (Democrat - Florida), who stated he was trying to convince me to change my mind and go to Panama City for the testimonial dinner his friends are giving him on April 2. I told him I would give anything if I could make that but, unfortunately, I have been tied up here in Washington on several matters and I have one or two cases where I will have to appear in court, not here but in New York, so it is almost impossible for me to get there.

Congressman Sikes said he has a lot of friends who are my friends and staunch admirers in his district and they would be highly honored if I could attend the dinner. I said I will keep it in mind. I asked, if I can't get away, can I send a telegram to anybody. He replied yes, but let's keep in touch if there is any possibility of my going. He said his people want me and so does he. He also remarked that it is a nice time of year to go down there, the fishing is good and the beaches are good also. Again he suggested we keep in touch until the time comes. I said fine.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 5, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

While talking to the Attorney General at Key Biscayne, Florida, when I returned his call on another matter, I asked him if he had seen the latest ticker about what Congressman Hale Boggs had to say today. He indicated he had not, so I proceeded to read it to him as follows:

"House Democratic leader Hale Boggs today asked Attorney General Mitchell to dismiss FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on grounds that the agency is using the 'tactics of the Soviet Union and Hitler's Gestapo.'

"In a short speech, Boggs became the first member of the House Democratic leadership to call for the retirement of the 76-year-old law enforcement officer.

"Boggs said that when the FBI taps telephones of the House and Senate and infiltrates college campuses, and when 'the FBI adopts the tactics of the Soviet Union and Hitler's Gestapo, it's time for the Director no longer to be the Director.'

"The Democratic leader did not elaborate on the wiretapping charges and could not be reached immediately for amplification.....

"Later in another House speech, House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford said some of Boggs' allegations concerning wiretapping could be determined, but he said Boggs' remarks on Gestapo tactics 'was not a fair allegation.'

"He demanded that Boggs present evidence to buttress his statement with facts.

"Ford said the FBI has made 'some mistakes but this Nation has been fortunate to have had the FBI and Hoover as its head.'"

The Attorney General remarked that Boggs is acting like the rest of the petty politicians. I told the Attorney General that when I testified on the appropriations I made the statement that there had never been a wiretap of a

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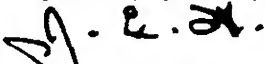
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Congressman or Senator since I became Director in 1924. I also said that insofar as surveillances were concerned, when we had a man under surveillance and he entered any building of the Capitol compound, the House or Senate or Capitol, the surveillance was dropped and the Agent did not follow him into those buildings. I said that is a matter of record.

The Attorney General said he was surprised at Boggs because he did not think he would stoop to such. I said I never knew him, but I never thought he was a jackal like Senator McGovern. The Attorney General asked if I thought Ford's answer was sufficient. I said I doubt whether it is sufficient because all that Ford says is that "some of Boggs' allegations concerning wire-tapping could be determined" but his "remarks on Gestapo tactics was not a fair allegation" and "demanded that Boggs present evidence to buttress his statements with facts." I said I thought a statement issued by him, the Attorney General, stating there has not been, either under his administration or my administration back to 1924, any tapping of telephones of members of the Senate or House. The Attorney General said all right, they would do that and maybe add something on top of that. I told him I thought that would be good, and I mentioned the statement the other day by, I thought, some Congressman from New Mexico and the Attorney General said Montoyo. I said a lot of people believe this, but it is absolutely untrue and the Attorney General said he was sure of that. I said I thought it might be well if there was some statement from him and the Attorney General said he would do it right away.

The Attorney General said there was one other thing -- all of the magazines and papers, as I know, are out with the hue and cry this week and to let the storm blow over and it will pass. I told him I was glad he mentioned that, as I had read Life and Newsweek, which are coming out, but I wanted him to know and the President to know, of course, if at any time my presence embarrasses the Administration, I am willing to step aside. The Attorney General said they could expect that from me, but the thing is going to subside and we will just go on and carry out the business as we should. I said that is what I intend to do but I wanted him and the President to know if at any time it is felt I may be a burden or handicap to the re-election, I would be glad to step aside. The Attorney General said I was a good American and said there was one good thing as we had a superseding indictment in the Berrigan case and the press is beginning to realize what is involved and are taking an entirely different attitude even if they don't have the courage to print it.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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5:00 PM

April 5, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
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 MR. CALLAHAN

Mr. Tolson ✓
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 Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. [redacted] ✓

I called SAC Joe David Jamieson at Philadelphia and advised him I was getting a great deal of mail in regard to this fellow [redacted]. I said the other day a letter came in from a Federal Judge and I instructed that he, Jamieson, see the Judge and asked if he had seen him. Mr. Jamieson said he was seeing him in the morning. I said today there have been at least four or five more letters from Police Chiefs, all saying that they think [redacted] is absolutely the best man we ever had and he could not have done anything wrong, et cetera. I said I am putting on those letter for Mr. Bishop to have him, Jamieson, see these individuals who have written to me. I said they are people prominent in law enforcement and I want him to give them a complete rundown on the jam [redacted] has gotten us into. I said we are getting hell from every angle in regard to the robbery [redacted]

66 I said he failed to do that and for that I have taken as lenient administrative action as I can. [redacted]

I said I surmise he is in back of many of these letters. Mr. Jamieson said he did not believe so as he does not have that attitude and he has known them for a long time and they think they will help. I said in reading the letters, the language is much along the same line as if written by the same person. Mr. Jamieson said he thought those law enforcement groups ask each other to write.

I said we will send him the names and I want him to tell them exactly what he did and the mess he has gotten us into. I said we are getting bomb shells from Congress, magazines, columns, and everything else as being the one great weakness of my administration of the Bureau that this burglary took place. [redacted]

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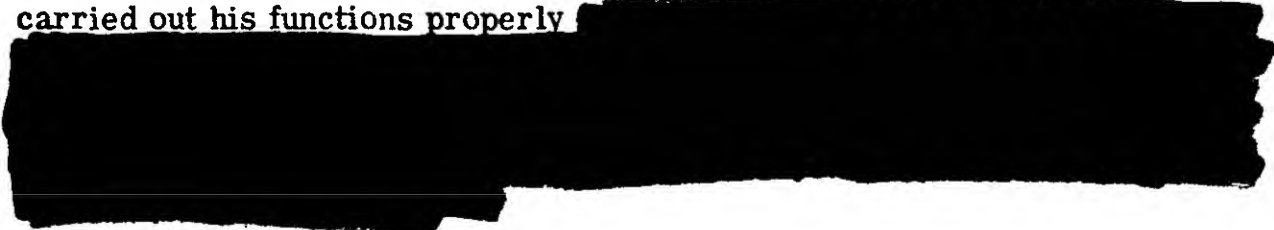
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I said they are all courteous letters but think I should have shown greater compassion and I don't think he is entitled to any for letting me down as he did for failing to fulfill his duties as he should have

Mr. Jamieson said he would personally see every one of them.

I told him the names would be sent to him in a few days and to see the Judge tomorrow, and he wrote a decent letter, but he is sold on the fact that [redacted] could do no wrong and there have been three or four letters today and there will probably be others, all with the same thought - [redacted] could do no wrong and he is one of the best Agents and is really an 18-carat diamond as an Agent.

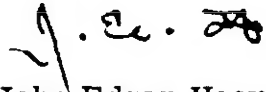
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I said I don't consider him that as he let me down and I am getting the butt of criticism nationally that ought never to have come about if he had carried out his functions properly

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I told Mr. Jamieson I wished he would see these people and explain why I had to take the action I did and he is fortunate to have a job. Mr. Jamieson said he would do that.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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April 5, 1971

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MR. C. D. BRENNAN

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Tele. Rm.	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

I returned an earlier call from the Attorney General at Key Biscayne, Florida. The Attorney General said that on my memorandum to him of April 2nd in response to the conversation with Dr. Henry Kissinger, he, the Attorney General, thought my plan is a good one [REDACTED]

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I told the Attorney General I would be glad to do that.

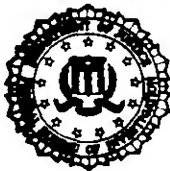
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MR. C. D. BRENNAN

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b1 [REDACTED]
b6 (S) I told him the background picture is that last Thursday I got a memo from Dr. Henry Kissinger at the White House and I proceeded to read it to [REDACTED] as follows; that the letter allegedly was signed by Dr. Kissinger, but after I talked with him I learned he had not signed it, but it was signed by somebody else acting in his place:

b1 [REDACTED] (S)

b1 [REDACTED] (S)

b1 [REDACTED] (S)

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Sullivan, and C. D. Brennan April 5, 1971

b1 [REDACTED] (S)

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Henry A. Kissinger"

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I told (S)
Mr. Childs that was for his confidential information. I said I did not want to get involved. I said then again in February of this year, [REDACTED] brought the matter up with Mr. Sullivan and said it was going to be taken up at higher levels, and when I talked to Dr. Kissinger at San Clemente last week, Dr. Kissinger never heard of this and said he wanted to look into it and he would call me back and he did. (S)

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[REDACTED] said he would give [REDACTED] this information.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 6, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	
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Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst called and said he had just been talking to Attorney General John N. Mitchell in Florida and read to him the account in the Washington Post with respect to Congressman Hale Boggs' statements yesterday on the floor of the House. Mr. Kleindienst said the article carried a comment quoting Boggs as stating he has positive proof that the Bureau has bugged Congressmen and Senators. I commented he ought to put up or shut up. Mr. Kleindienst said the Attorney General asked him to relay to me his suggestion that he feels we ought to have an FBI Agent interview Boggs and get the evidence. I said that might be good. I told the Deputy Attorney General that I was informed [REDACTED]

Mr. Kleindienst said that is just what he told the Attorney General this morning as his guess. I said three friends told me that was the general discussion.

I continued that another aspect was that last Saturday there was an appreciation dinner given for Congressman Bob Sikes at Panama City, Florida, and Boggs was to be the principal speaker. I said he was invited and I was invited also to attend, but I could not go because of pressures here so I had to decline, but Boggs was to be the principal speaker and when he arrived, [REDACTED]

I told the Deputy Attorney General that this morning I asked Assistant Director Bishop to see the Speaker and to see Congressman Gerald Ford and to ask them to see that Boggs either puts up or shuts up. I said this suggestion the Attorney General has made can be done also.

Mr. Kleindienst said he thought it was probably a good one because it is a positive response by us and this is a very serious allegation because if he has proof, we ought to find out. I said he was on CBS and made the same

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allegations and also said the FBI had him under surveillance. I commented that [REDACTED] but I think the suggestion the Attorney General has made is very good and I will have the Agent in Charge of my Field Office here at Washington go see him personally. Mr. Kleindienst said he ought to go to his office, present himself to the receptionist, and tell them who he is and interview him. I said Boggs may refuse to be interviewed but we will have made the effort.

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I called SAC Robert G. Kunkel of the Washington Field Office and told him I would like to have him go up personally right away and see Congressman Hale Boggs who made the speech on the floor of the House yesterday. I said I was doing this at the suggestion of the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General and it was my idea also that it ought to be done and for him to identify himself to whoever receives him and tell them he would like to see the Congressman in order to make some inquiries of him and then when he sees him, tell him who he is and that he has been sent up by me upon the instructions of the Attorney General to request him to furnish any information which he has relative to the tapping of his telephones by FBI Agents and a surveillance by FBI Agents; that both of those things are contrary to orders of the Bureau and this has been so for years but he says he has the proof in a statement he made this morning and we would like him to let us have whatever information he has so we can make appropriate investigation. I told Mr. Kunkel to lay it on the line. Mr. Kunkel said he would do so and I asked him to let me know as soon as he gets back to his office and Mr. Kunkel said he would.

11:10 AM

I called SAC Kunkel again and told him I thought he better take some experienced man with him so he would have a witness as to what he said and what the Congressman said. Mr. Kunkel said he would do that. I said otherwise Boggs may attribute statements to him which he did not make and to take a good seasoned man. Mr. Kunkel said he would.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Mr. Tolson

Senator Hugh Scott returned my earlier call to him and I told him I was sorry to bother him but I did want to talk to him personally and give him the assurance as Republican leader that there has never been a wiretap on the office of any Congressman or Senator or the Capitol building proper since I became Director in 1924; that I have said a number of times publicly and I have so testified before Congressional Committees to this fact so the statement by Congressman Hale Boggs yesterday on the floor is absolutely untrue and he added also this morning on television that the FBI had him under surveillance. I said we have never had any Senator or Congressman under surveillance at any time since I have been Director and I wanted to give that assurance to him, Scott. I said I, of course, want to talk to Senator Mike Mansfield, Speaker Carl Albert of the House and Congressman Gerald Ford so the four of them will have the assurance definitely from me in case any debate comes up.

Senator Scott said that is great and asked if I had any objection to his making a statement that he has had this assurance and that he has confidence in me. I told him I did not and he has been one of our best friends. I continued that years ago we had one man, [REDACTED], under surveillance but if and when he went to the Capitol to see a Senator or a Congressman, we dropped the surveillance at the door and never went inside even though that meant we lost the man and would have to pick him up some other time, but we have never followed a man into the House or Senate Office Buildings or the Capitol to find out where he was going so we have been leaning over backwards on our part to not infringe upon the privacy of the members of the Senate or House and he, Scott, is free to make a statement as coming directly from me. Mr. Scott said he was glad to do it and he will find an occasion to do it and thanked me for calling. 66

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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MR. BISHOP

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b6 SAC Robert G. Kunkel, Washington Field Office, called. He advised he had just finished talking to [redacted] and, in summary, he would like this information to be conveyed to me:

On the floor of the House at noon today at least three Congressmen challenged Congressman Hale Boggs when he came in under the one-minute rule and Boggs could not take it any more and left the floor and has not been back. [redacted] says at least 95% of the House support me with their entire support; he says the leadership is highly concerned and if Boggs does not straighten up, he may lose his leadership; [redacted]

b6 [redacted] Rooney, Albert, and Mahon are upset and he talked to [redacted] (phonetic), and he indicates Boggs hasn't any information at all. Furthermore, [redacted]

[redacted] suggests one thing and that is maybe a telephone call by me to the leadership of (Carl) Albert and (Gerald) Ford and (Mike) Mansfield and (Hugh) Scott to give them my personal assurances that this has not happened in the past as this would be of tremendous assistance to the House and the leadership may on its own take action in regard to Boggs.

I told Mr. Kunkel that I testified to that before the House Appropriations Committee and that testimony is confidential until it is printed and it will not be out until sometime the latter part of May and when we asked Congressman John Rooney to make some statement on the floor in regard to the Boggs' thing, his reluctance was due to the fact that it would be considered a leak of confidential testimony before it is published. I said when I was before the Appropriations Committee I testified that since I have been Director, since 1924, there had never been a wiretap or microphone placed on any member of Congress or the Capitol proper and in addition, even a surveillance would be dropped upon an individual going into the Capitol compound so it would not be traced to a Congressman or Senator, but the testimony will not be printed until May.

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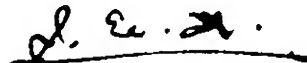
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Mr. Kunkel said [REDACTED] thought if I made a personal call to these four it would be a great thing. I said I would want to take to the Attorney General first about that to see if he thinks it is all right to do it.

Mr. Kunkel said he was awaiting a call from Boggs' office to complete the interview.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Wicks	
Mr. Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Bishop

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I called SAC Robert G. Kunkel of the Washington Field Office and told him he could assure [REDACTED] that I have talked to Senator Hugh Scott; that Senator Mike Mansfield is out of the city but I will talk to him when he gets back and I have calls in to speak to Speaker Carl Albert and Congressman Gerald Ford. Mr. Kunkel said he would do that. I said to tell him I have taken care of that. Mr. Kunkel said he, [REDACTED] is a dedicated man to the FBI and me and I said I knew that, but let him know it is being taken care of.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Hoover

Last night at 10:00 PM, Mr. H. R. Haldeman, an aide to the President, called me by phone at my home. The President and his party had just arrived in the city from San Clemente where they had been for the last ten days.

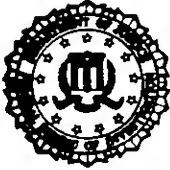
Mr. Haldeman stated that he was calling at the specific direction of the President to say to me that I should not be concerned about the recent attacks upon me which have appeared in the Washington Post, Newsweek, and Life Magazine. He stated the President knew that there was being made a diligent effort by a group simultaneously to attack me and that I should, therefore, give it no attention but to carry on as I had done in the past.

I thanked Mr. Haldeman for his call and asked him to convey to the President my appreciation of his message.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Dalbey	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	✓
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Speaker of the House Carl Albert returned my earlier call to him. I told him I had called because I wanted to say to him personally before I speak to Congressman Gerald Ford, whom I was going to call, that there has never been a wiretap or microphone or what we call an electronic installation on any Congressman or Senator since I have been Director, which has been since 1924. Speaker Albert said he had never heard of it. I continued that we have never had a surveillance on any either; that Congressman Hale Boggs had said he was under surveillance by the FBI; that we have a rule in the Bureau that if we are surveilling some person who has violated the law and that person goes to the Capitol to see a member of the House or Senate, we do not follow him into the building but drop him at the door so we are not infringing on the privacy of Congressmen and Senators to see whom he is seeing, but I wanted to give that assurance personally. The Speaker said he appreciates that and has never heard a complaint. I commented he has been a very good friend over the years. The Speaker said he talked to my man and told him not to worry about it.

b6 [REDACTED] I said I anticipated yesterday that he was upset but I wanted him, the Speaker, to know from me personally that there is not a scintilla of truth to it. Mr. Albert thanked me for calling.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst called and said he had just spoken to the Attorney General at Key Biscayne again on another matter and he asked the Deputy Attorney General to call and see what success my SAC had who went up to Congressman Hale Boggs' office. I said he had no success as yet; that he saw the receptionist in Boggs' office and she said she would call this afternoon and give the SAC an appointment. *Mr. Beaver*

I told Mr. Kleindienst that I was just talking to the SAC a few minutes ago and he has not received a call yet. I continued that I understand Boggs was on the floor when Congress opened today and three Congressmen made one-minute speeches about his attack on me yesterday and he got up and left. I said I had received a wire from [REDACTED] repudiating him, Boggs, and my Agent in Charge at [REDACTED] had word from a [REDACTED]

b6 [REDACTED] who is very violently upset about this attack and has wired Boggs, [REDACTED] is outraged [REDACTED] and he is getting in touch with Boggs also to express his displeasure.

b6 The Deputy Attorney General said Mr. Mitchell felt keenly that if Boggs would not make himself immediately available to the representative from the FBI, we ought to get that to the newspapers before the day is out so it can come out tomorrow morning. I said I think that is a good idea. I said [REDACTED]

suggested to the SAC who saw him that I ought to personally call Senators Mike Mansfield and Hugh Scott and the Speaker (Carl Albert) and Congressman Gerald Ford and personally assure them of the fact that this was absolutely untrue as he said that would give them a great boost as none are in accord with what Boggs did yesterday. I said I told the SAC that I would not want to do that until I cleared it with him, the Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Kleindienst said he thought it was a good idea.

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Mr. Kleindienst asked if I thought there was any possibility that anyone in my organization, without my knowledge, would ever have done anything like this. I told him I did not believe so, although you can't ever tell as we used to have so few employees and now have about 20,000 today, but I seriously doubt it because it would have had to be done by the Washington Field Office and that is under pretty close contact and control here at headquarters because of its location.

Mr. Kleindienst said he wondered who should make the release, their office or the Bureau regarding the fact that I dispatched the SAC to see Boggs and he did not see him, as the Attorney General thought we ought to get it out for the morning papers. I said I would do what he wanted if he thought we ought to do it or that it should come from the public relations office of the Department and I would have contact made with the press officer and let him know what has been done and that the SAC asked for an appointment to see Boggs and the appointment has not been confirmed as yet. The Deputy Attorney General suggested he talk to Richard Moore, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and get his opinion as to whether it would be better to come from the Department. I told him I basically think it might be better because when I was at lunch today at the Mayflower, 15 or more reporters were waiting for me to come out of the lobby to get into the car and the manager told me and got me out the back way so I would like to be in the position of not talking to them. Mr. Kleindienst said he thought it would be better if the Department did it and asked if Assistant Director Bishop would be the one to get in touch with Mr. Moore and give the details or the SAC. I said I thought the SAC would be the best one and I could have him call Mr. Moore. Mr. Kleindienst indicated Mr. Moore would be in his, Kleindienst's, office in about 15 or 20 minutes and I said I would have SAC Kunkel call him then.

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I called SAC Robert G. Kunkel, Washington Field Office, and after some difficulty in reaching him, I told him that when he leaves his office he ought to leave word where he is going and where he can be reached. Mr. Kunkel said he was on the Hill and had called me from the Hill and he was then on his way back to the office. I told him it was very urgent that I get in touch with him;

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that the Deputy Attorney General in talking with the Attorney General at Key Biscayne advised that the Attorney General was of the opinion that we ought to make a release this afternoon of our efforts to get hold of Boggs and of our inability to have him talk with him, SAC Kunkel. I asked Mr. Kunkel what he was on the Hill for this time and he replied that he went up to talk [REDACTED] who had left his office and he, Kunkel, thereupon called from [REDACTED] office. I told him that hereafter by all means to leave word where he can be reached, whether he is on the Hill or in the car because the ASAC was not there and it was vitally important that I reach him, Kunkel.

I said what the Deputy Attorney General wants is for him, Kunkel, to call Mr. Richard Moore, an assistant to the Attorney General, who will be in Mr. Kleindienst's office within the next five minutes and tell Mr. Moore exactly what has transpired -- whom he saw to make the appointment to see Boggs, et cetera. I asked if he told the receptionist what he wanted to see Boggs about and Mr. Kunkel said he had not; that she had gone into the next room and presently reappeared and said Boggs was in a press conference and thereafter would go to the floor of the House and she would make an appointment for Boggs to see me later in the afternoon and he, Kunkel, left. I told Kunkel to call Moore, who will be in Kleindienst's office and tell him exactly what transpired in regard to making the appointment; that he did not indicate to the receptionist what he wanted to see Boggs about and give Moore the exact picture, namely that Boggs is supposed to call him, Kunkel, back and he has not received a call so far. I asked Mr. Kunkel if he had checked with his office as to whether any call has been received and Mr. Kunkel said he had and there was none. I told Kunkel to call Moore in the next five minutes and to let me know what happens.

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SAC Kunkel called and advised he had talked to Mr. Moore and he said if he, Kunkel, should hear from Boggs this afternoon, he should call Moore. I told him if he heard from Boggs to let me know also, and Mr. Kunkel said he would keep me advised.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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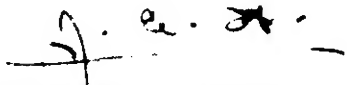
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Mr. Conrad	✓
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Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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I called SAC Robert G. Kunkel of the Washington Field Office and asked him if he had any word from Congressman Hale Boggs yet. Mr. Kunkel advised none whatever. I told him to stand by and wait for a call and if he gets one, to let me know at once so I can clear with the Deputy Attorney General so we will know what to do. Mr. Kunkel said he would.

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Director

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Congressman H. R. Gross (R.-Iowa) called. He said he was just calling to urge me to sit tight and to tell me I have a lot of friends over on the Hill. I told him I appreciated this greatly; that I have known all along that he has been a strong friend on the Hill and I appreciated his calling and stating what he did. Congressman Gross said this fellow (Congressman Hale) Boggs is losing friends every day and this includes the Democratic side, who are people he would have to depend on for support and if he does not change his ways of doing things, he is going to be confronted with a Democratic caucus pretty soon.

Mr. Bishop ✓
Mr. DeLoach

I said I think he is a very sick man. I told the Congressman confidentially that [REDACTED]

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I continued that I have said many times and I have so testified before committees on the Hill that there have never been any wiretaps or electronic devices at any time installed on any Congressman or Senator. I said that, as a matter of fact, if we have a person under surveillance, and I remembered many years ago a fellow named [REDACTED] often went to the Hill to see some Senators, he knew and our instructions were and are the same today that if we are following a man, and he goes to the Capitol compound and enters a building, we do not follow him but drop the surveillance and take our chances of picking him up at another time and we have leaned over backwards to observe the privacy of members of Congress and that is well known, but, of course, the press, and the Congressman knows, does not give any emphasis

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to that as they would to other things. Congressman Gross said Attorney General John Mitchell is taking pretty good care of me and I agreed and said he has made two fine statements. I said I have refused all interviews with the press because I do not intend to say anything about Boggs, although I could say a lot of things about what I do not like about him, but I am not willing to get into a cat and dog fight with him.

The Congressman said that was the purpose of his call -- to urge me to sit tight; that there are some members of the House who have not said anything but they are waiting for the right opportunity. I said I hope the opportunity comes soon. The Congressman said he did, too, but for me not to worry about my friends over on the Hill. I told him I would follow his advice. Congressman Gross said they were waiting for a good place and in the meantime, to let him, Boggs, collect his information because he is going to have to produce it or they are going to ask him for it. I said he should put up or shut up.

I told the Congressman that at the suggestion of the Attorney General, I sent a representative of my Washington Field Office to Boggs' office to ask for the information because if it is so, it is a direct violation of the law, and Boggs' Executive Secretary said Boggs was holding a press conference and then he had to go to the floor of the House and she would call my representative later in the afternoon to make an appointment, but such a call has never come through, so he ducked talking to our man. I said the Attorney General and I felt we ought to challenge him to see what the facts are and see if there is a violation of Federal statutes so they can be investigated and the proper action taken. I said I know he does not have any facts so far as the FBI is concerned, although I do not know what other Government agencies are doing, but we have not.

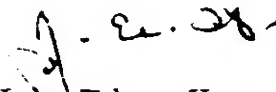
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Congressman Gross said this is why he is urging me most sincerely to sit tight and let's see how this thing unfolds because he, Boggs, has stuck his neck out and has really done it and in due time they will ask him for his proof. The Congressman said they are closing out today and they are coming back and this is not going to be forgotten.

I told him I would follow his advice and I appreciated his calling. He reiterated that I had a lot of friends.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Mr. Felt	_____
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Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst returned my earlier call to him. I told him I wanted to let him know of some of the developments. I said we never got a call from Congressman Hale Boggs and I told SAC Robert G. Kunkel, Washington, D.C., to wait but make no further move on it. I said I think Congress adjourns today although I do not know for what period.

I continued that I had a call from Congressman H. R. Gross (R.-Iowa) who has always been a good friend of the Bureau, and the Congressman stated they are watching this thing carefully and advised me to say nothing and they intend to press this. I said there is a strong move now to remove Boggs as Majority Leader.

The Deputy asked if I heard his presentation on CBS this morning and I told him I had not. He continued that about ten o'clock last night they made the decision that he should go on CBS news and he was on for about ten minutes and he made some strong statements. Mr. Kleindienst said they have a recording and it is being transcribed. I said I would like to have a copy. Mr. Kleindienst said they would have it up by about noon. He said there was one thing he said and that was as a result of conferring with the Attorney General and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Richard Moore last night, and, incidentally, Congressman Gerald R. Ford (R.-Mich.) and Congressman William L. Springer (R.-Ill.) want to propose an investigation be made by the Congress of the practices of the FBI with respect to wiretapping and they think the Democrats are not going to begin to do it, but as a portion of his statement, he said the members of Congress should do that to lay this thing at rest, but he would like me to read it and comment.

I told the Deputy I had talked with Senator Hugh Scott (R.-Pa.) as I had told the Deputy, and I see he has issued a statement along the lines

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we discussed and I also talked to the Speaker (Carl Albert, D.-Okla.) and he said he had never heard any complaint by anybody and he was taken by complete surprise. I said I talked with Congressman Gerald R. Ford and I tried to reach Senator Mike Mansfield (D.-Mont.), but he was out of town.

I said there was one other aspect as I had checked in regard to his, the Deputy's, query as to whether someone could be doing it without my knowledge and I find it is utterly impossible for that to be done because when I became Director, I changed the policies in regard to wiretapping and everything going on at that time as there was a [REDACTED] who was in the Bureau under my predecessor who tapped anybody he wanted to, but any tap on telephones has to be approved by the Attorney General, which, of course, could be ignored possibly if one wanted to, and I authorize it

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson and Bishop

April 7, 1971

Mr. Kleindienst said the reporters alluded to the fact that possibly Boggs' attitude may have derived from the fact that he was investigated in the Frenkil matter, but what he would like me to do, after he gets the transcript up to me, is to read it and then call him with respect to my comments. I told him I would be glad to do that.

9:40 AM

Mr. John W. Hushen, Director, Office of Public Information in the Department, called and said he had a tape recording of what the Deputy Attorney General had to say this morning and they would not have it transcribed before noon, but he would be happy to bring the tape over for me to hear. I told him the Deputy had said they were having a transcription made and that he would send it as soon as it was finished. Mr. Husen said it would not be completed before noon and I told him that would be all right.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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April 7, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Congressman Lawrence G. Williams (R.-Pa.) called and said he has just made a decision that as soon as Congress comes back, he is going to ask Congressman Hale Boggs for his proof positive that he was going to come up with. I said he ought to put up or shut up. Mr. Williams said that is what he is going to attempt to do. I said there is no truth to it; that yesterday I called Congressman Gerald Ford, the Speaker, Senator Hugh Scott, and Senator Mike Mansfield, to tell them I wanted to personally assure them there has never been one of these listening devices placed on the office or telephone of any member of Congress or the Senate since I have been Director since 1924, and, in addition, no Senator or Congressman has ever been kept under surveillance by the FBI. I said I think Senator Scott issued a public statement about that. I continued that I made the same statement before the Appropriations Committee and Congressman Elford Cederberg (R.-Mich.) referred to the fact that when those hearings come out, the members of the House would have the assurance of their privacy as I testified. Mr. Williams said he heard Mr. Cederberg make that statement. I said it is true. I continued that, as a matter of fact, if we have a man under surveillance who has violated a Federal law and he goes to the Capitol compound, our Agents are instructed to drop him at the entrance and not follow him to see what office he goes to. I said we have leaned over backwards in the matter and Mr. Williams agreed. I said this man Boggs is almost a mental case, as near as I can judge. Mr. Williams said that what he is doing is trying to make political hay; that he was not elected Majority Leader by a great margin.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

April 12, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP

On January 14, 1971, Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll *Mr. Bishop* called to see me to extend to me an invitation to attend the Anniversary Dinner of the Washington Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI which, at the same time, would honor me upon my anniversary as Director of the FBI. This was to be on May 7, 1971.

I told General Carroll that I deeply appreciated the invitation, but at the time he called upon me, I could not make a commitment that far ahead and if he would get in touch with me sometime about the first of April, I would then advise him definitely whether I could or could not attend such a dinner.

General Carroll has communicated with me as the correspondence shows and I wrote him a letter on March 29, 1971, informing him that in view of the demands upon me at the present time, I would be unable to attend the dinner which was planned for May 7th.

Word has since been received from General Carroll that the dinner has been postponed and will be held sometime in September or October of this year and that he will then be in touch with me preceding that time to see whether I can attend the dinner then.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Young	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

April 12, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On March 12, 1971, Assistant Attorney General Johnnie M. Walters of the Tax Division called to see me and stated that he merely wanted to tell me how outraged he was at the various criticisms which have appeared in the public press and that he was in back of me 100%.

I told Mr. Walters that I deeply appreciated his taking the time to come to my office and convey his feelings in this matter and it was something that touched me deeply.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
 MR. MOHR
 MR. BISHOP
 MR. CALLAHAN

April 1971

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Callahan
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Malone
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Tavel
 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. Tele. Room
 Miss Holmes
 Miss Gandy

Mr. B. [unclear]

66 While talking to Congressman Lawrence G. Williams (R. - Pa.) when he called on another matter, he said he just wanted to tell me that on March 30th he wrote a letter to me in regard to [redacted] that [redacted] is extremely highly regarded by all of the local police departments in Delaware County, which is his, Williams', home county as for 15 years he was a Commissioner in Springfield Township and for all 15 years he was a member of the Public Safety Committee, 12 years as President and 6 years as Chairman of the Board, and he never knew a police officer more widely respected than [redacted]. Mr. Williams said he did not know the details, but he did know that when he was President of the Commission, they placed [redacted] behind bars for trespassing and laying down in the street and he was fined; that this is the man at [redacted] but at any rate, all of their police departments have given [redacted] the ultimate in cooperation and, of course, [redacted] and he was wondering if there wasn't some way this impact could be softened.

I told Mr. Williams that I would give him the details; that when this happened, they [redacted]

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Mr. Williams said I had answered his question and to let him repeat to me, please, that [REDACTED] is one of the finest men I have and said that [REDACTED] has never spoken to him. I said I received this last week a letter from a Federal Judge speaking highly of [REDACTED] and I have a dozen letters from Chiefs of Police speaking highly of him and I asked Mr. Jamieson, the Agent in Charge at Philadelphia, to go personally to see each of these persons and to explain to them exactly what the facts were and that I had taken as liberal an action as I possibly could. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. Williams said that [REDACTED] is not responsible for his call or any of this as actually the Police Chiefs Association of Delaware County, along with the FOP of Delaware County, is giving a testimonial dinner for [REDACTED] and have asked him, Williams, to speak. I told him I thought it would be fine if he did. Mr. Williams said he only wanted to talk to me because of the great sentiment which was only prompted by his outstanding work. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I said I considered the case at great length and I told Mr. Jamieson to explain to the Chiefs and to see the Judge yesterday [REDACTED]

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Mr. Williams said he appreciated my explanation and the fact I have taken time to talk to him and I told him I was glad he called and I was happy to give him the facts.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
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Mr. Felt	
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11:44 AM

April 13, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. BISHOP

MR. Bishop ✓

Senator John O. Pastore (D.-R.I.) called. I told him I had sent him a letter and he said he had received it and he said it because he meant it. I told him it was nice of him to say what he did; that I had received word about it and I wanted him to know how deeply appreciative I was. Senator Pastore said I know where he stands, and I told him he has always been a fine man and fine friend, but it is particularly fine when you have all this flack to have somebody stand up and be counted. The Senator said to not let it bother me. I said I wasn't, but the thing that annoys me is the sources and we know about them. The Senator agreed and said he did not know what is happening to us. I said I have often said to friends that I wish I had been born twenty years earlier so I would not have lived to see what I have. Senator Pastore reiterated that he wonders just what is happening, but to keep my chin up. I told him I would and that it was nice of him to call.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
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April 15, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Beaver ✓

Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst called. He said there is one fact that still troubles him and which the Attorney General asked about a few minutes ago and that is the statement by Senator Edmund Muskie: "I understand that this is but one of about 40 to 60 FBI reports on Earth Day rallies on April 22, 1970." Mr. Kleindienst said the information which was sent down did not address itself to that situation. I told him I would check on that right away.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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April 15, 1971

Mr. Hoover

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN

I called Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst (in regard to his question about the statement by Senator Edmund Muskie that it was but one of about 40 to 60 FBI reports on Earth Day rallies.) I told him that this is the figure: 50 of our FBI offices reported on 57 rallies held on Earth Day; however, only 4 of the 57 had FBI coverage, and the other offices sent in information that came to them from police departments, informants, and related sources. I said we only covered 4 of the 57. Mr. Kleindienst asked if one of the 4 was the District of Columbia, and I told him it was, the main one. Mr. Kleindienst thanked me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 21, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. ROSEN

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Tele. Rm.	
Miss Gandy	

Congressman Samuel L. Devine (R.-Ohio) returned my earlier call to him. I told him I had just returned to the city as I have been in New York and I wanted to call him to tell him how much I appreciated what he has been doing up there on my behalf. Mr. Devine said he appreciated my letter and he thinks the attack is unwarranted and a man dedicated as I am and the service I have given deserves much better.

I said I understand Congressman Hale Boggs is going to make a speech tomorrow, and Mr. Devine said he, Boggs, has reserved one hour and he, Devine, has the one right behind it.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Sullivan, Bishop, Rosen

April 21, 1971

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Mr. Devine said I have a world of friends across the nation and they are not going to tolerate this. I told him I appreciate what he had done, and Mr. Devine said he was happy to do it as he considers me the man who launched him on a successful career in business and politics. I told him he had a fine record here and since he left the Bureau. Mr. Devine said if there was anything he might need he will call Dave (David W.) Bowers, and I told him we would be happy to respond and again expressed my thanks to him.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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April 13, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst called and said they had an inquiry received by the Public Information Office from the New York Times following the Congressman Hale Boggs incident in which they then asked if we have ever instituted any other kind of an electronic surveillance on a Congressman or Senator.

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I said first there have been two or three cases in which individuals have been wired with recording devices and gone in and seen Congressmen and their conversations recorded on a machine on the person. I said we have done it at the request of the United States Attorney with the approval of the individual who was wired. Mr. Kleindienst said this was consensual.

I said my feeling is that the less we expand on press inquiries, the better off we are. I said in other words I think the fact that we have stated that no phones at the Capitol compound have been tapped or any surveillances conducted of a Congressman is sufficient, because when you begin to answer these, particularly from a paper like the New York Times which is hostile, you get other questions until you get into an expansion and I think the narrower you can keep the situation, the better. I said there was a question this afternoon of our press relations as to whether we were closing any Resident Agencies and if so, how many, et cetera. I said for his information we are closing some; that I had a survey made last week in which every Resident Agency in the country was examined and we have about 500 to determine if some could be abolished, such as one- or two-man agencies or some consolidated with larger ones, et cetera. Mr. Kleindienst said that must be a process that goes on all the time, and I said it was but it is more intensive as a result of the Media matter.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson and Bishop

April 13, 1971

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I have had an avalanche of calls and letters from Congressmen, Judges, and Chiefs of Police as to what a fine man he is. Mr. Kleindienst said a couple of Congressmen from Pennsylvania called him and he told them he did not know the facts but if discipline was taken, it was warranted.

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I said I have received calls from Congressmen and Senators and a Federal Judge and in each instance I have answered them and I had the Special Agent in Charge at Philadelphia, who is in charge of Media, go to see the individuals to explain the details and I said all have expressed complete satisfaction.

[REDACTED]

I said I had a survey made last week of every Resident Agency to see which could be closed, consolidated, or combined into the headquarters office and we are doing that at the present time, however, we have always re-evaluated them each year, but in view of Media, I thought we should take more direct action now and some are being closed and consolidated with other offices and others will be continued where they are needed and there is enough work to warrant it, but as to the one-man offices, I think in some places they were created for the convenience of the Agent. I said for instance, on Staten Island there is a Resident Agency with three men whereas they could get there across the bridge and all of our cars have radios so we do not need to have a Resident Agency there as the Agents can work out of the New York headquarters and we would not have the problem of Agents working without supervision and having to rent space in private buildings.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson and Bishop

April 13, 1971

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Mr. Kleindienst asked to get back to the inquiry from the New York Times; that they called the Public Information Office and were given the statement they have been using last week and then they came back asking if this meant any kind of electronic surveillance with respect to congressmen or senators. Mr. Kleindienst said they could just have no further comment, but he was kicking around whether they could get by with that, but the other thing is consensual recording by a device on an individual and there would have been no bug applied to a Congressman's office and leave it at that. The Deputy Attorney General suggested that he put together some limited language on it which we could then discuss and he would call me back.

I said knowing the New York Times, they will try to explore it further and further and mentioned that the fellow who wrote the article in Life, Wicker, is with the New York Times, and Mr. Kleindienst said that was terrible and I ought to see what he said about him. I said he has said many things about me as has Reston, one of the editors. I said there is something unfortunate here in Washington and is something I don't understand and I have never mentioned

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it to the Antitrust Division, but there is developing throughout the news media arrangements whereby the Washington Post, the Washington Star, the New York Times, and the Los Angeles Times all exchange columns and editorials. I said they are not owned by the same individuals, but they have an agreement whereby articles in the New York Times today, the Star has the right to put in the Star and the Post and the Los Angeles Times have the right to do the same thing. I said we seem to be getting a situation which poisons the public mind and I don't think it is right. I said it is just like you could own two or three papers and have the same editorial comment and columns. The Deputy said it is a monopoly of a point of view. I agreed but the contract exists today. I said I understand the St. Louis Post Dispatch is contemplating joining. I said in due time you would have two dozen papers in the country handing out the same line.

Mr. Kleindienst said to let him try to write down a sentence and he would call me back.

2:59 PM

Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst called and read the following suggested statement: "The FBI has never placed an electronic listening device of any kind in the home office or on the telephone of any United States Senator or Congressman." Mr. Kleindienst asked if that admitted to this consensual recording and I told him it did not. I said the only question is, what is an electronic device as this thing on a person is an electronic device because the man is wiredeven though he consented. I said I think United States Attorney Sachs asked us to do it on [REDACTED] Mr. Kleindienst wondered if that would include electronic device on home or office, as it is not wired and would that mean placing. I said it depends on how you interpret it.

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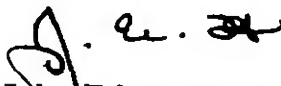
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(S) Mr. Kleindienst said he thought that is excluded. I said that is not electronic device but how do you interpret this recording. Mr. Kleindienst then asked about the following: "The FBI has never installed an electronic listening device of any kind in the home office or the telephone of any Senator or Congressman." I told him that would do it and beyond that, make no further comment. Mr. Kleindienst said that was fine.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Soyars	✓
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Assistant to the Director William C. Sullivan called and advised there was an urgent matter he wanted to take up with me by phone as Mr. Richard Moore, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, has called Assistant Director Bishop and himself from the White House. Mr. Moore was at that time over at the White House with Ronald Ziegler, Press Secretary to the President. Mr. Moore said they were going to go to a press meeting around four o'clock and they wanted from us over the telephone, a general statement to explain why we had a reason for covering the National Environmental Action meeting that Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D. -Maine) is complaining about. Mr. Sullivan said a brief statement has been worked out and proceeded to read as follows:

"Senator Muskie has publicly condemned the FBI for having concerned itself with Earth Day rallies held throughout the United States on April 22, 1970. He noted that no crime or threat of crime was involved nor was any violence threatened. Senator Muskie has deplored the fact that the FBI issued confidential reports on this matter to other Government agencies. The Senator from Maine declared there was no justification for any part of the Federal intelligence community observing and reporting legitimate political events which do not affect our national security or involve a potential for crime.

"It is most unfortunate that after having come into possession of FBI documents relating to this matter Senator Muskie did not take the time to seek an answer to the questions he raised on the floor of the Senate. Had Mr. Muskie voiced his concern to me, he would have found that almost from the moment the Earth rallies were announced, reports were received that militant action might take place. There were reports of blocking major traffic arteries at Boston, possible traffic tie-ups in New York City, and disruptions at the offices of various companies allegedly contributing to pollution.

"Although the announced purpose of the Earth Day rallies was nonpolitical, as Senator Muskie has noted, the FBI had received reports that extremist elements planned to seize on this legitimate occasion to create disruption in furtherance of their own objections.

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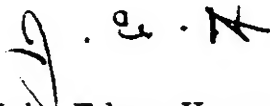
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"The FBI's sole purpose in collecting and reporting information regarding this matter was to determine the extent of efforts by extremist elements to exploit or disrupt these activities for their own purposes. There have been prior gatherings in Washington of large numbers of people which resulted in violence and considerable damage was done."

I told Mr. Sullivan I thought that was all right.

I said collateral to this, I had sent a note through to check out the dissemination of that report and asked if that were Media and Mr. Sullivan said it was not. I said I would surmise some agency in Washington gave this out. Mr. Sullivan said it was disseminated to Secret Service and some other agencies. I told him to run it down at every agency and ask to see their copy. Mr. Sullivan said he would.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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9:48 AM

April 15, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN

Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst returned my earlier call to him and advised that he had just talked to the Attorney General regarding Senator Edmund Muskie's statement and the Attorney General wanted him to determine just what the facts are with respect to what Muskie alleged and the best way to respond to it.

I said the facts are that the people in that audience and on the platform were individuals such as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Mr. Kleindienst interjected I said my feeling is that we should not try to answer Muskie as I thought Ronald Ziegler at the White House did a good job yesterday when he made the statements he did and which have been carried extensively because all Muskie is after is to get publicity and build up his Presidential image. Mr. Kleindienst said he is also trying to do this as a means of trying to disassociate himself with the people there.

Mr. Kleindienst said there was one statement by Muskie, "Finally, I understand this is but one of 40 to 60 FBI reports on Earth Day Rallies on April 22, 1970. I know of at least one other member of this body, and probably others, had some of their speeches and participation in Earth Day Rallies subject to FBI surveillance," and that the scope of the surveillance of environmental groups and gatherings must be determined. Mr. Kleindienst asked me if I had seen the statements of Muskie and the attachment, and I told him I have. Mr. Kleindienst asked if the attachment were authentic. I told him it was; that what happened was the fact that we had disseminated this to the appropriate Government agencies from the White House on down -- reports on any of these disturbances and people who participate in them who are out in left field or militants in their own right. I said we are checking this, but I think along the line it has been leaked. I have asked that we go over with all the agencies to whom we sent reports to see if they still have our report.

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I said we are now making a study to see if we can't curtail the dissemination of our reports.

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Mr. Kleindienst said that yesterday when this information came down to his desk, he arrived at the conclusion it would be best not to make any comment, but when he talked to the Attorney General, he wanted to know why we did not make any comment and he feels strongly some reply or comment should be made. Mr. Kleindienst continued that as he indicated to the Attorney General when he read the stuff to him, (1) there was a valid reason for us being there in view of [REDACTED] and the other kooks, and (2) the report is very innocuous as it just summarized what occurred and did not say there was anything wrong. I agreed and said we did not take it down stenographically or record it in any way.

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Mr. Kleindienst said the Attorney General wants to get a summary of what the facts were, as opposed to what Muskie said to determine whether or not some kind of statement should be made either from the Bureau or the Department. I said I thought the Bureau should not do any talking. I said members of Congress on the Hill, both Democrats and Republicans, have called me and talked about the outbursts of Congressman Hale Boggs and Senators Muskie and McGovern and have advised me to not say anything and to let my friends on the Hill take care of it as otherwise it is going to become a partisan issue and they want to keep it on a nonpartisan basis and put the knife into the people making these statements, particularly Boggs. I said I have not talked to a soul. I said I have had all kinds of requests from newspaper people and CBS, NBC, and ABC, and I have declined all of them because several of these matters they want to talk about are in the court, and cited the case of the three girls we got rid of as they were working with that peace group who are suing and [REDACTED] who is suing for reinstatement, and Congress is proposing various investigations.

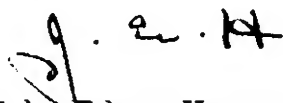
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Mr. Kleindienst said that with respect to this Muskie matter, he had to get something done and he wondered if someone could get Muskie's speech and that FBI report and write him a memorandum for his own use only which would summarize the facts and any inaccuracies and then a statement for his use only as to the reason why the FBI was present and then direct my attention, if I would, to Muskie's statement that this is one of 40 to 60 FBI reports -- where did he get that? I said, of course, the only way was for some branch of the Government to have given it to him, as he could not get it from the FBI. I cited the example of the Army furnishing information to Senator McCarthy against the Secretary of the Army as they even supplied him with a copy of a letter I had written. I said the question I have been faced with is dissemination, which, I think, is too broad. Mr. Kleindienst said he thought we ought to review that. I said it is being done, but if we cut off some places and then later on something happens, they say they were never advised, so we are between the devil and the deep blue sea. I said I don't trust CIA or the State Department with this information we furnish as it has leaked out to Jack Anderson.

Mr. Kleindienst said with respect to the Attorney General's request, try to get him a paper he can use so when he calls again he will have it and let the Attorney General decide. I told him I would do it right away.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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April 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Dalbey	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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[redacted], called. He said he had a talk
[redacted] said he would love to
talk to one of my people, as he knows how busy I am. He said he will be
out of town tomorrow and Friday, but will be here from then on.

I told him the man in the Bureau to see is Assistant Director
Bishop. [redacted] said they had met, he was sure. I told him Mr. Bishop
handles the press inquiries and the testimony on the hill about the situation.
[redacted] said that in addition he would like to go into the past stuff, starting
with the abolishing of wiretapping when I came in. I told him I would tell
Mr. Bishop and that he can expect a call from [redacted] sometime next week
at [redacted] convenience.

[redacted] said also to think of something on which he can criticize
me on as there should be something critical so they won't think it is too partisan.
[redacted] said he was sure I was one of the few honest men he knows, and
maybe I could think of something as he could not. I said I might have a hard
time as I have so many I think it would be hard to pick out one. [redacted]

I said I would alert Mr. Bishop and tell him and he will await word
from [redacted] I said it was good of him to do this. [redacted] said he was
sick of this, not only what they are doing to me, but the kind of people doing it.

I said I see where at Princeton, Ramsey Clark, Burke Marshall,
and a fellow named (Roger) Wilkins who used to be here in the days of Clark,
have formed a committee to conduct an investigation of the FBI. [redacted]
said, "Isn't that great! I congratulate you." He continued that [redacted]
the one I better watch out for, and then cited an anecdote [redacted] but
the time long ago when he [redacted] and threatened
some defendant to put the FBI on his trail and he said, "Them guys couldn't
track an elephant in the snow." I said I don't think these three at Princeton
could either.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Bishop

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I told [REDACTED] I would have Mr. Bishop await his call. [REDACTED] asked if we have the goods on Clark about getting the Army in this surveillance

[REDACTED]

66 I said I think it is absurd to appoint a committee of these three; that Marshall said the only criticism he knew about me was when I ordered Agents to get the officials of the steel company out of bed at midnight and that was Robert Kennedy who did that. [REDACTED] asked if he blamed me, and I said he did; that they asked him if he knew of any real criticism and he said no, but he did recall our getting the steel officials out of bed at night and we were ordered to do that by Robert Kennedy. I said it was outrageous but we had to do it. I said I thought Wilkens is a colored fellow. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said Clark was not available for interview when they made the announcement of the committee of three. [REDACTED] commented he was a great law man, who advises the veterans to defy an injunction. I said he is their attorney, and [REDACTED] said there is nothing wrong with being their attorney, but to defy an injunction.

I said I will have Mr. Bishop dig this out and help him, [REDACTED] in any way we can. [REDACTED] said, of course, I will go over anything he writes, and he thought this is the right place to put it. He thanked me and I in turn thanked him for calling and [REDACTED] said it was great being my friend.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. CALLAHAN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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This morning I saw Special Agent [REDACTED] a Supervisor in the General Investigative Division, and he advised me that he had been unable to move his family from Atlanta, where he was previously stationed before reporting to headquarters to serve last January, and that he would appreciate being re-assigned to Atlanta. He stated that his children are at the "teen" age and by reason of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], he would like to have this transfer effected. He stated he was perfectly happy in his work here but that the responsibility of his family had been pressing upon him and he felt it necessary to rejoin them. I told him that I would be very glad indeed to arrange for his transfer back to Atlanta.

I told him that it would quite likely result in a demotion in grade from GS-14 to GS-13. He stated he had considered that and he was perfectly willing to accept this demotion. This Agent's attitude seemed to be good, and I would like to have the transfer effected as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN, C. D.
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. CASPER

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Brennan
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Mr. Callahan
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I called Special Agent in Charge Joseph K. Ponder, New York City, in the absence of Assistant Director John F. Malone. I told him I had just left a long conference with the President and he is very much concerned about police officers killed, particularly the two in New York and in other parts of the country and we are developing a kind of program to focus attention on that and probably some time next week the President will hold a conference of police chiefs here in Washington.

I said he asked this afternoon what we were doing in New York, if anything. I asked Mr. Ponder if the New York Police have asked for any assistance. Mr. Ponder said they asked us to help identify some of the Panthers and some of the people they have picked up who were apprehended on related charges, such as firearms. He said they picked up two Panthers the day before yesterday in the lobby of the Daily News carrying firearms. I asked him if the Police picked them up and he said they did; that the Panthers had loaded guns on them and we were able to identify them as being connected with the Black Panther newspaper and as being from California. Mr. Ponder said we have been in touch with the police. I asked when he said the police, how far up. Mr. Ponder said he attended both funerals in Mr. Malone's absence and met the Commissioner and ranking officers and assured them of our desire to do everything possible. I asked if he gave that to the Commissioner and Mr. Ponder said he had.

I said that was good because I told the President I would call New York and I told the conference this afternoon that I was quite sure we had offered the full facilities of the Bureau, such as fingerprints and Laboratory and the NCIC and any out-of-town leads they may want to have followed and I was sure that had been done. I said I stated I would follow on that as soon as I got back to the office and verify it.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Sullivan, Bishop, C.D. Brennan, Gale, Rosen, Casper

I asked Mr. Ponder if he could send down tonight a teletype of just what we have done for the police in these two cases, such as identifying the Black Panthers even though they were not the ones they were looking for. Mr. Ponder said they were ruled out. I told Mr. Ponder to send a teletype down tonight indicating what we have done and the fact he attended these two funerals and met the Commissioner and other high-ranking officials and offered all the facilities of the Bureau to them because in the meeting this afternoon with the President, and the Attorney General and Mr. John Ehrlichman, one of the principal assistants at the White House, were there and myself, they had the news reels come in and take pictures and the press relations man gave a statement of what the meeting was for and that steps would be taken to be of even greater help to local authorities.

I told Mr. Ponder I would like to have the teletype tomorrow morning in such form that I might send it to the White House so the President can read it. Mr. Ponder said that at the funeral yesterday he was notified of a meeting to be held last night and we sent a Panther expert to brief the police department and they went over the case and determined what they are trying to do. Mr. Ponder also said that we have notified all of our informants. I told him to include that in the teletype because that is the kind of thing the President likes to know about and I told him to get it to me tonight.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
 MR. SULLIVAN
 MR. BISHOP
 MR. BRENNAN, C. D.
 MR. CASPER
 MR. GALE
 MR. ROSEN

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✓ Mr. Becker

67D Inspector Sterling B. Donahoe called and advised that he had talked with Special Agent in Charge Joseph K. Ponder in New York City and re-emphasized my interest in this case concerning the shooting of the two police officers and SAC Ponder told him that they have had a conference since about eight this morning and Ponder wanted me to know there is one major [REDACTED] and that would be primarily our best starting point, [REDACTED] Mr. Donahoe said that SAC Ponder thought I should know that in doing this, they are going to run into the fact the police are going to be cognizant that we are going all out and while Patrick V. Murphy, Commissioner of Police in New York, is certainly no friend of ours, he, Ponder, and the other Special Agents in Charge feel they should probably tell Murphy we are going all out in an effort to solve this case. I said I cannot approve that. I said in other words, we want to do it without ruffling the water. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and if our New York Office could diplomatically and not too obviously indicate that we are taking an all out stand on it and make the suggestion whether it would not be a good idea for one or two of our men [REDACTED] in other words not do it without them being present. I said I do not think that would offend as maybe there are some areas that have not been covered that we might be able to cover and make it as a suggestion or possibility and if they say they prefer not, drop it.


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Mr. Donahoe said that what we are going to do is try to assist the working level of the police. Mr. Donahoe said that SAC Ponder had some idea that I might want us to reveal the President's interest. I told him, no, I did not want his name mentioned; that at the meeting yesterday with the President he was very determined and very positive that something be done and last night when he called me at home he told me to go all out irrespective in intelligence gathering. I said I have since talked to the Attorney General and advised him of the President's call and the Attorney General agrees and I told the Attorney General that we are going to try to do this without ruffling the waters with the New York City Police; that Commissioner Murphy is hostile to us and they can leak out the fact that the FBI is trying to steal the show, which is not so as what we want to do is solve the case and in solving, if we happen to get the break, all the better, or if the New York City Police get it and give us proper credit, that is all right, but I want no approach to Murphy or anybody in the Police Department that we are taking over. I said furthermore that it should not be known too much through our New York Office as it is a large office and some of them can't keep their mouths shut.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. GALE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Felt	
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Mr. [unclear]

Assistant Director James H. Gale called in regard to a rather technical matter in applicant investigations. Mr. Gale said they have blanket approval in any background investigation for Congressional committees to interview up on the Hill and they also have in Presidential appointments to get the o.k. from the Senators from the home states, so they have blanket approval to interview Senators in that regard, but in other employee investigations where they have references, acquaintances, associates, or fellow employees up there, he, Gale, thought it was silly to make a distinction in those cases and thought they ought to have blanket approval for all. I told him I would approve that.

Mr. Gale took occasion to say he thought Senator McClellan will be pleased with the letter and I said I knew how interested he was in the accomplishments of the court orders and to be certain we send a similar memorandum to the Attorney General. Mr. Gale said they were going to.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN, C. D.
MR. CASPER
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN

Mr. Tolson
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I called the Attorney General and told him I wanted to let him know that the President called me last night after I had reached home and said he wanted to make certain we didn't pull any punches in going all out in gathering information, particularly intelligence information, in this situation in New York (the slaying of the two police officers), and the President wanted me to let him, the Attorney General, know. I said the President meant, I assumed, such wire tapping as we may feel necessary.

I told the Attorney General I was sending over a memorandum on the situation in New York. I said I find that we are working very closely with the New York City Police Department and we were able to identify two members of the Black Panther Party the police arrested, but they are apparently not those involved.

[REDACTED]

I told the Attorney General that I told our New York Office that while we want to give the fullest cooperation to the Police Department, I wanted this case given top priority and, if possible, to try to solve it ourselves without creating a hassle or friction with the Police Department. The Attorney General said he appreciated this and was glad we are doing it because he was sure the President would feel much better about it. I told the Attorney General I had been in touch with the President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the President of the National Sheriffs' Association and asked them to get in touch with the various officers and have them stand by to be ready to come to Washington sometime the middle of next week or the latter part of next

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week. I said I told them this was strictly confidential and a high level conference, but I did not mention the President. The Attorney General said this was good because some of them may do some talking. I said Sheriff [REDACTED] was happy and he and his Vice President will stand by. I continued that I have ordered the training schools to start the morning of June 7th with 100 police officers here for two-or three- day training as to ways and means to prevent the killing of police officers. I said as I understand it, the President would like to come over and speak to them, and the Attorney General said that was his desire. I told the Attorney General I would let him know as soon as I have it firmed up and when he is coming over so the Attorney General can be there. The Attorney General said this was fine and was one of the things the President had in mind.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN, C. D.
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CASPER
MR. CONRAD
MR. DALBEY
MR. GALE
MR. FELT
MR. ROSEN
MR. TAVEL
MR. WALTERS

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Under date of May 21, 1971, I addressed a memorandum to the Attorney General concerning an item which appeared in the New York Times quoting the Attorney General as stating:

"His (the Attorney General) remarks came in a news conference at which he praised J. Edgar Hoover, the 77-year-old director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for an 'eminent career' but added that he believed 'there was 'room for improvement' in the procedures of the bureau."

In my memorandum to the Attorney General I expressed doubt as to the accuracy of the alleged quotation in view of the fact it appeared in the New York Times, which is notorious for its inaccuracies, but I did state that if the Attorney General had in mind any suggestions for improvement, the Bureau would welcome the same as no organization is entirely perfect and improvements can always be made.

Yesterday in conference with the Attorney General, he furnished me with the attached report of his press conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 18th. He had marked particularly pages 4, 5, and 7, which related

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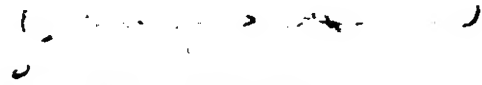
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to either myself or the FBI. He stated that his answer to the question propounded clearly showed his attitude toward the FBI and its Director and that the New York Times reporter had completely misrepresented his statement, particularly that which appears on page 7.

I told the Attorney General that I appreciated the remarks which he did make in Atlanta but which the New York Times did not accurately present, but that was typical of that yellow journal.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

Press Conference of
Attorney General John N. Mitchell
at the
Regency Hyatt House in Atlanta, Georgia
On May 18, 1971

pages: 1 to 18

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1 Attorney General Mitchell: It's great to be
2 back in Atlanta today, particularly for the salute and
3 recognition of the police men and women of this city.
4 I think it is a memorable occasion, and I am sure it
5 will be very successful tonight as it was this morning
6 and I hope that other cities will look upon Atlanta's
7 activities in this direction and hopefully copy their
8 style. I think the police officers in this country
9 deserve that recognition.

10 I have no other statement to make and if you
11 have any questions I'll be happy to answer them.

12 Q. Mr. Attorney General, did you ever hear
13 of a Federal Bureau of Investigation program called Operatio
14 S-A-F-E?

15 A. No, I have not.

16 Q. It has not come to your attention?

17 A. No, it has not.

18 Q. It was reference to disclosing documents
19 which were stolen in Media, Pennsylvania, that the
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation has encouraged local
21 Police Departments to recruit Boy Scouts in an operation
22 called Scouts Alert for Emergency to inform on activities
23 at neighbors' houses, etc.

24 A. I think you had better get your facts straight
25 before you make such allegations. I think you will find

1 that this is more of a program which is encouraging
2 local police forces to help in the area of youth
3 and youth training and youth involvement and other
4 activities other than those that you have described.

5 Q. There wasn't an Operation SAFE ___?

6 A. Let me say that the manner in which
7 you have described it, I am sure that it never
8 existed.

9 Q. Three weeks ago a three Judge panel in
10 Biloxi was very critical of you in connection with your
11 handling of the open~~ing~~ primary in Mississippi. They
12 said you had vacillated and had not observed the
13 Voting Rights^{Act} of 1965 - I wondered whether you wanted
14 to comment on that?

15 A. That dealt with a statute - an open
16 primary in the State of Mississippi - it was passed
17 by the Legislature and submitted to the Attorney General
18 for his approval or disapproval under the Voting Rights
19 Act. The ^{circumstances} ~~changes~~ were such in that particular case
20 that it was difficult to make an appropriate decision,
21 either with respect to the validity or non-validity
22 of the statute. I have told the Congress on repeated
23 occasions that their legislation places an impossible
24 burden upon the Attorney General's office. We do not
25 have the capacity that the courts do to have an evidentiary

1 hear and it is quite impossible for the Attorney
2 General's Office to make any determination whether
3 or not that statute violated the provisions of the
4 Voting Rights Act because it is a factual question,
5 and it is in a much better place in the courts, and
6 that is the reason it was in the Courts in Mississippi
7 and I regret that the court did not take it upon itself
8 to have an evidentiary hearing where those matters could
9 be determined.

10 Q. What about the re-registration - is that true
11 there, too. Do you feel it puts an impossible burden
12 on the Justice Department to decide whether these counties
13 are being discriminatory and you have to let --

14 A. Well, you have to look at the individual
15 case to make that determination. We have been able in
16 some cases, such as in the recent case of the re-
17 districting in Virginia, to make these determinations
18 where the matters were much clearer than they are
19 in what was the motivation for the passing of an
20 open primary law, which was the case in Mississippi.

21 Q. What is the case now with the case of
22 Leslie Bacon?

23 A. Leslie Bacon is still appearing before a
24 Grand Jury in the City of Seattle.

25 Q. Has she been charged with anything?

1 A. She has not been charged with anything
2 ^{Lin} ~~and~~ her appearance before the Grand Jury in the City
3 of Seattle and what the future will bring, we will
4 have to wait and see.

5 Q. Why Seattle - why was she taken to
6 Seattle?

7 A. Because that was the site that the Justice
8 Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office determined
9 would be appropriate for a Grand Jury to be convened
10 in the case that was under consideration, for hearing
11 the evidence.

12 Q. What do we know so far about her participation
13 in the bombing of the Capitol --?

14 A. Well, as you know, Grand Jury proceedings
15 are secret and that information will remain with that
16 Grand Jury until such time as it either puts up or
17 down indictments.

18 Q. Mr. Attorney General, will you give the
19 Atlanta audience your feeling concerning all of the talk of
20 need - some people say of the FBI Director - what is your
21 feeling as to his -- as his boss and as Attorney General?

22 A. My feeling has been expressed on numerous
23 occasions when the subject matter has been in the news
24 and it has been to the effect that J. Edgar Hoover as
25 the Director of the FBI is a credit to that organization

which he has basically founded and brought to its place of eminence and so long as J. Edgar Hoover has the confidence of the President, which he does have, and so long as he is in good health, I think it is appropriate that the American people keep him as the head of the organization.

Q. Despite that, are there any retirement laws?

A. Retirement in this particular case are determined by Congress, and they have appropriately acted in this case to provide legislation that does not mandate the retirement of the ^{Director of the} Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Q. Mr. Attorney General, you speak a great deal on the war on illegal narcotics. Do you think we will win that war?

A. Certainly we will - we must win it and we are making great strides in the war on many fronts. We approach it in Washington on the old adage of supply and demand. The demand side, of course, has to do with the education and rehabilitation ^{or} research programs which are being carried on in government, including the Department of HEW, the Justice Department, OEO, and other places. These programs will reduce the demand by our young people for these narcotics, particularly

1 our young people for these narcotics and dangerous drugs,
2 and on the supply side, that is where the law enforcement
3 aspects come into play, and our Bureau of Narcotics
4 and Dangerous Drugs and the Customs Bureau, and
5 Immigration and Naturalization Service - all of these
6 facilities and bureaus within the Federal Government are
7 geared up for a fight on this war along with our deal-
8 ings with foreign governments where this material comes
9 from, and we think we are making great strides.

10 We do not know what the timetable is, because
11 we don't know what the opposition is. We do know
12 that we are putting many of the large organized
13 crime traffickers in this area behind bars and we are
14 hopeful that they will not have replacements come along
15 that will take up their nefarious activities.

16 Q. Are you using wiretapping?

17 A. We are using it very extensively and very
18 effectively.

19 Q. What is the public reaction to the overall
20 aspect of wiretapping?

21 A. Let me say that the use of wiretapping
22 in the organized drug cases, this is a Court authorized
23 wiretapping where we go into Court and apply for it and
24 get a warrant, and we have had no single complaint at
25 all about its use. On the other type of wiretapping

1 that we use in the area of National Security, it has
2 received some commentary in the press by some of our
3 critics but it is an absolute necessity, in my opinion;
4 it has been used since Franklin D. Roosevelt and by
5 every President since then, and it has been used more
6 extensively by other administrations that it has been
7 used by this one, and it is certainly is an absolute
8 necessity in this day and age in order to protect
9 this government against its enemies.

10 Q. Mr. Attorney General, back to Mr. Hoover,
11 do you feel that much of the pressure that has been brought
12 to bear is mostly political in nature, in recent months,
13 or could there be some room for improvement for FBI pro-
14 cedures?

15 A. I think there is ^{room for} improvement for everything
16 on this earth. I would say that I think most of the
17 criticism is politically motivated.

18 Q. By whom?

19 A. By those who are bringing forth the criticism.
20 If you will review the list I am sure you will find out
21 who they are and what their motives are.

22 Q. Mr. Mitchell, to go back once more to this
23 Mississippi situation - it seems that your answer to
24 my question you were, in fact, advocating a change on
25 the Voting Rights Act, to take some of these duties off the

1 Justice Department. Are you doing so?

2 A. We thought very seriously at one time,
3 and at one time had the provision in a House Bill,
4 as I recall, to change this procedure so that it would
5 be properly handled in the Courts and we provided, as I
6 also recall in the provision, for a three Judge Court
7 which would hear the matter with a direct appeal to the
8 Supreme Court so that it would be a judicial proceeding
9 rather than an administrative proceeding by the Attorney
10 General and that was not passed into law when the
11 Amendment to the '65 Voting Acts Right was passed in
12 1970, so we are back at the same old stand where we
13 had to get a crystal ball and try to make some of these
14 decisions.

15 Q. (indistinct) -- to destroy the credibility
16 of the press?

17 A. I think that is pure nonsense. Our job in the
18 Justice Department is to protect the press and its
19 activities. As I have mentioned before, I don't
20 believe that the press or any other media is above a
21 specific critique of some of the actions that they may
22 carry on - as far as this administration is concerned,
23 I respect the press, I respect the First Amendment
24 rights, and recognize that this country can only exist
25 with a free and open press.

1 And this is recognized from the President and
2 on down.

3 Q. Is the Mafia and Cosa Nostra operating here
4 in Atlanta now?

5 A. I don't know what those words mean (laughter)
6 but there might be some organized crime activities --

7 Q. -- on the national sense?

8 A. The national organizations operate wherever
9 they find it is possible to do so.

10 Q. But are there operations going on in Atlanta
11 that you know of?

12 A. I certainly would not tell you if I did --
13 and as I said, in most large areas of the country
14 organized crime does function.

15 Q. Why should this not become public knowledge?

16 A. Well, it can become public knowledge if you
17 people in the press take it ~~out~~ ^{and} ~~of~~ ^{it} print, but we in the
18 law enforcement have to reserve our knowledge until we
19 can take appropriate action.

20 Q. Are you working to take appropriate action?

21 A. Very much so.

22 Q. In Atlanta?

23 A. All over the country.

24 Q. And that would include Atlanta?

25 A. I would hope Atlanta is part of the United States.

1 (laughing)

2 Q. Atlanta crime rate is up over 20 percent
3 from what it was last year. What has the President done
4 to curb this crime rise?

5 A. If you have about an hour I will tell you.
6 But let me try to summarize it briefly; and the type
7 of crime you are referring to is "street crime" which
8 is the responsibility of the state and local police, as
9 you know.

10 Now, ^{in addition to} what we have done in the narcotic crime
11 field and organized crime field, both of which has some
12 bearing on this, we have also brought into full focus
13 the Law Enforcement Assistance Program which is designed
14 to improve the criminal justice system in states and
15 we have been busy in designing new programs, new
16 approaches, new equipment and ^{techniques} which can be used by law
17 enforcement agencies. The President has a special Revenue
18 Sharing bill before the Congress that will provide somewhere
19 over \$700 million to be used by state and local agencies
20 in this area for the improvement of criminal justice,
21 and this will address itself to the problem. I will
22 point out that in the District of Columbia, where we
23 have direct responsibility for this type of street crime,
24 crime has gone down for the year 1970 and has gone down
25 for the first months of this year, into the high teens

1 23 cities in this country of 100,000 population or more
2 that have actual reductions in their rate of crime.

3 I am not qualified to talk on the Atlanta situation.

4 Q. Mr. Attorney General, when will you assume
5 the direct responsibilities for Mr. Nixon's 1972 cam-
6 paign?

7 A. You must have heard my answer to that.
8 It is very simple - nobody has asked me, and I sure as
9 hell am not going to volunteer.

10 Q. May we assume you were jesting when you
11 said you do not know what the names Mafia and Costa
12 Nostra mean?

13 A. I only know what they print in these books -
14 we refer to them as organized crime.

15 Q. May I continue --?

16 A. All good reporters do, so please do.

17 Q. Would you explain, as in the Department of
18 Justice, how you as Attorney General transmit the
19 Administration's position on controversial issues,
20 such as busing, to the entire Department. For several
21 months now the Administration's position, and the Justice
22 Department's position, and your position has been that
23 busing is a detriment to the public education whether to
24 is busing to achieve a racial equity or parity in any given
25 system is a detriment to public education. Our Supreme

1 Court has ruled that it may be a definite asset to
2 public education.

3 I assume that the Justice Department is interested
4 in going along with the Supreme Court's decision. How
5 do you transmit this to the Department.

6 A. It is very simple - we have lawyers
7 in the Justice Department, and they are supposed to be
8 able to read the Supreme Court's decisions, which they
9 do, and thereby they get to have an understanding of what
10 the law is, and of course, the situation you speak of
11 with respect to school desegregation is related to each
12 and every individual School District. So that the
13 application of the Supreme Court decision on the matter
14 of the de jure school desegregation will come about on
15 a case by case ^{study} ~~situation~~ of what the Supreme Court
16 requires in that particular case. We have no problem
17 in transmitting the Supreme Court's decision or policies
18 in connection with it.

19 Q. Does the Justice Department support or
20 oppose the busing situation as a means of destroying
21 the vestiges of desegregation --

22 A. No, what I am saying is that the Department
23 has no problem in carrying out the decisions of the
24 Supreme Court. They are the ones who make the final
25 determination in these areas, and everyone in Government

1 from the Justice of the Peace to the Attorney General
2 of the United States and the President of the United
3 States, takes an oath of office to uphold the constitution
4 and the laws of the government, and of course this is what
5 you do whether you like the decisions of the Court or not.

6 Q. Last week -- (indistinct)

7 A. Let me explain that situation so you will
8 understand it. There was a litigation in the Federal
9 District Court in the Federal District of Austin,
10 and as the Court has said, and everybody recognizes, the
11 obligation is to comply with the law, and it is the
12 obligation of the School District - they are the ones
13 obligated to comply with the law, and they were required
14 to file a plan in the District Court covering their
15 plan to comply with the decision of the Supreme Court.
16 They filed a plan with the HEW under the direction of
17 the Court with a critique of the plan, and the plan provided,
18 as I understood it, for the ^{same} route for the busing as the HEW
19 subscribed it - it was a question of how often these children
20 would be moved from one school to another - that was the
21 differential in the plan, not as to the busing.

22 Q. Mr. Attorney General, as to the specialized
23 organized crime - the strike against it, as in New Jersey,
24 has that been going on for two to three years now?

25 A. Yes sir.

1 It has been going on a little over three
2 years.

3 Q. Can you possibly name me three top echelons
4 of top organized figures that have been prosecuted -
5 or perhaps five --?

6 A. Yes, I can name you more than that --

7 Q. But, top echelon --

8 A. Yes, that is what I said. I can tell you
9 in - calendar 1970 - we have indicted or convicted
10 a third of the top of the organized crime figures. And
11 I would also point out that during this period of time
12 that we have also indicted or convicted about a third
13 of the functionaries within those organizations. The
14 particular names I will be glad to provide you with, but
15 I ^{want} ~~don't~~ to do it here, because I want to make sure that
16 none of these individuals have cases in trial or under
17 appeal where they would use this as a breach of their
18 free press fair trial - we have quite a few of them behind
19 bars.

20 Q. Mr. Mitchell, a week ago Saturday night
21 George Wallace launched what probably will become his
22 presidential campaign in Dallas with a speech, and in
23 commenting on the question of busing and what the Supreme
24 Court has done, he said that Mr. Nixon had pledged in
25 1968 - or said that he was against busing and if he -

1 George Wallace -- had been elected and had to appoint
2 two Supreme Court Justices like Justice Burger and
3 Mr. Blackmon, that he would jolly well have asked them
4 how they stood on busing before they were appointed.
5 Would you have something to say on that as we understand
6 you have something to do with appointing the Supreme
7 Court Justices.

8 A. Let me correct that last impression. The
9 President appoints all the Supreme Court Justices and he
10 being a lawyer as well, is qualified to assess their
11 qualifications. I don't believe it is appropriate -
12 and I don't believe any President ever has - taken any
13 commitment from any member of any Court at any time where
14 they ever stood on any issue, because I am sure that it
15 would be absolutely improper and I am sure that this
16 President ~~is~~ has not done so, and I would be in doubt
17 as to whether any previous President has ever done so.

18 Q. Is Mrs. Mitchell with you?

19 A. No, unfortunately, Mrs. Mitchell is back in
20 Washington and is very busily engaged in preparing a
21 special event for the Supreme Court.

22 Q. (re elephone - indistinct)

23 A. You know, as Attorney General, I have to
24 respect everybody's personal rights and First Amendment
25 Rights, and I think it is just as important to respect hers

1 as anyone else's. I think it is quite important that
2 if she has an opinion that she be allowed to express it
3 and I think it is important that I protect her as
4 well as any one else.

5 Q. You said that in the last two years -
6 approximately the last two years - at least one-third
7 of the --

8 A. Indictments or convictions.

9 Q. -- of at least one-third of all organized
10 crime figures in the country, I wonder if you could give
11 us an idea of how many that would be. If you have
12 indicted 33, would that be one hundred or so, or could
13 you give us some idea of --

14 A. Out of the office it is generally conceded that
15 there are about 5,000. I don't mean -- I mean within the
16 organizations - there are about 5,000 of these Captains,
17 Lieutenants, Sergeants and so forth - we have convicted
18 about one-third of those. With respect to the leaders,
19 there are probably about thirty of them - give or take
20 a few. You know, some of the jobs have remained vacant
21 because they haven't been able to get the people to
22 fill it.

23 Q. The Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants -
24 as defined by the Cosa Nostra - these would be officers?

25 A. Never heard of the word. (Laughter)

1 Q. ?

2 A. The Justice Department is only involved in
3 a certain number of these cases, and as I mentioned
4 before, this is primarily an obligation of the Local
5 School Boards being advised by their counsel they will
6 work out the necessary plans for the particular district
7 that are necessary to comply with the law. And I would
8 hasten to add again that each and everyone of the
9 School Districts present separate and different problems
10 which hopefully the Local School Boards will be able to
11 work out on their own behalf.

12 Q. I have heard with quite frequency that perhaps
13 Mrs. Mitcheall will be interested in running for a
14 political office --

15 A. She will be interested?

16 Q. Yes, I understand that.

17 A. This is the first I have heard of it, and
18 I can't think of a more unlikely candidate for anything
19 except being my wife.

20 Q. You have said that out of about 5,000 -
21 I should not say Costa Nostra or such, since you do
22 not know the term - but you say that 5,000 - out of
23 that number, 1300 of these have been indicted or convicted
24 -- there are some people who call them guys --

25 A. We call them organized crime figures.

1 Q. But you said one third of them in the
2 country --

3 A. Or members of the syndicate, or members
4 of the Commission. There are others in that area that
5 are excluded from those, and those are the leaders that
6 I was talking about.

7 Q. About the dinner - is that the reason you
8 have come down?

9 A. It is ~~now~~ due to the fact that it is so
10 extensive, and I am more than delighted to participate
11 in such an event as a community recognition of the
12 work that our policemen and women do for the community
13 and I am very happy to be here for what little I can
14 do for that.

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May 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP
MR. CASPER
MR. FELT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Gandy	

I called Mrs. Sue Morrison, secretary to the Attorney General, and told her I knew from the schedule of the Attorney General that he is in a conference and would be leaving at 3:30 for the White House. She advised that had been changed to four o'clock. I asked her if she could get word to the Attorney General, when he is free, that I did not want to see him or take up his time, but in getting the program set up for next week we have considered, in addition to the officers of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, inviting the following Chiefs:

Chief of Police, Kansas City, Missouri
Chief of Police, Chicago, Illinois
Chief of the New York State Police
Commissioner of Police at Boston, Massachusetts
Director of State Police of Texas, which is the branch that has the Texas Rangers

b6 I continued that I also have the name of [REDACTED] I said I knew the Attorney General at times has been a little irked about him in regard to civil rights matters and I did not want to have an invitation extended to [REDACTED] if he were objectionable to the Attorney General. I asked Mrs. Morrison if she could bring this to the Attorney General's attention and let me know, and she stated she would.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
 MR. SULLIVAN
 MR. BISHOP
 MR. BRENNAN, C. D.
 MR. CASPER
 MR. GALE
 MR. ROSEN

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Spillane	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Brennan CD	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
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Miss Gandy	

✓ Mr. Hoover
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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman, Assistant to the President, returned my earlier call to him. I told him I was calling to see whether he could get a line for us on the time it would be convenient for the President to come over to this building to speak to the 100 police officers who are coming in for training on June 7th. Mr. Ehrlichman said he would have Dwight Chapin call me with that time. I told him we were setting up the time and curriculum for these 100 officers. Mr. Ehrlichman said he appreciated having my letter on that and he would have Mr. Chapin call me back this afternoon. I thanked him.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

It is to be at 11.30 A.M.
 June 7.

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Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
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June 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. ROSEN

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While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I told him that I had sent him a memorandum in the [redacted] that today we will interview, provided they don't want their attorneys present, the [redacted] case. I said we have also identified the individuals at the [redacted] contract and we are going to examine the records of that place today because there was a kind of ceremony at the White House and the President was there, and [redacted] and we want to get the background before we tie it up in a memorandum for him.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CASPER

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Young	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

✓ Mr. Hoover

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Congressman Emanuel Celler (D.-NY) called. He said he was sorry to bother me and asked if I would put down the name [REDACTED] of Pittsburgh. The Congressman said he had received a request to find out whether or not he, [REDACTED] is going to be in the class of August 1st. The Congressman asked if this were untoward and I assured him it was not.

I told him I would check and let him know. The Congressman said he was just going over to vote and for me to leave word with one of the girls in the office. I told him I would check right away.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
 MR. SULLIVAN
 MR. BISHOP
 MR. BRENNAN,

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Casper
 Mr. Callahan
 Mr. Conrad
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Felt
 Mr. Gale
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tavel
 Mr. Walters
 Mr. [unclear]
 Tele. Room
 Miss Holmes
 Miss Gandy

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I mentioned to him that we are making good progress in the New York case (the killing of the two police officers on May 21, 1971). I told him we have identified two men who committed the murders and they are two Black Panthers, both of whom are fugitives from justice and we are handling and we are trying to locate them in various parts in and around New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, but that is not publicly known. The Attorney General said that would mean that we could pick them up as fugitives.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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June 8, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Dalbey	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gandy	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

66 Mr. [REDACTED] (phonetic) called and advised he is Student Body President at [REDACTED] University and he also apparently formerly worked at the White House in some capacity. He stated he was calling to congratulate me on my splendid record of achievement; that he knows many who want to criticize me and label me something I am not and he thinks I have done an excellent job and made numerous excellent statements in the past weeks and he is in support of my thinking. He said I have done an excellent job and a public servant, such as myself, who has made a contribution to society, should not be criticized such as I am. He said he thought some young persons, and he knows there are many like him, who don't get heard and he wanted to convey to me his support in continuing my efforts to make this nation the greatest nation and keep it a great nation. He said I have done a wonderful, splendid job and he thought there were so many people really behind me who are silent and I don't hear from them.

66 I told him it was nice of him to call and I appreciated his comments. I said I have been under "flack" for many years past from various individuals and this recent attack, I thought, was largely political emanating from the far out left individuals and windbags we have in the Senate, but I, of course, have developed a rhinoceros hide and it rolls off of me. I said I often judge a person by who condemns him rather than who praises him and if some of these papers like the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times ever praised my administration of the Bureau, I would call a meeting of my executive staff to find out what we did wrong. Mr. [REDACTED] remarked that I was a marvelous person. I told him it was nice of him to call and I appreciated it very much.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 24, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Dalbey	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Soyars	
Mr. Evans	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst returned my call to him of yesterday. I told him the reason I was calling was to find out whether he had followed up on that matter of those memoranda I sent him as to the policy we are going to follow in regard to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). I told him I had to appear this afternoon before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.

Mr. Kleindienst said that when he asked, I sent them over promptly, but he has been gone since last Thursday evening on a speaking tour and had just returned from Puerto Rico so he was unable to do anything himself about it. I told him then that if they ask, I will just say the matter is pending in the Department. Mr. Kleindienst said that will be fine.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. CASPER
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. [initials]	
Mr. [initials]	
Mr. [initials]	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

The Attorney General returned my earlier call and I told him I wanted to let him know that the President called me when he got in from his Midwest trip and said he wanted to come to the graduation on Wednesday (graduation of the FBI National Academy). I told the Attorney General I wanted him to know and that I thought it might be well if he and I were over there a little early, about 9:45, to meet the President at his car as he drives in. The Attorney General asked if the President said how long he was going to be there and I said he just said he wanted to attend so I presume it would be through the entire ceremony and it will last about an hour.

The Attorney General said he would check it out over there, the White House, and see what the plans are and we would work it out.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson	
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June 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. CASPER ✓
MR. BISHOP

Honorable H. R. Haldeman, Assistant to the President, returned my earlier call to him. I told him I wanted to let him know that when the President got back from his Midwest trip he phoned me and indicated he wanted to come to the graduation this week of the National Academy on Wednesday. I said I just wanted to let him know so he could be certain the calendar was properly checked. Mr. Haldeman said it is on, that he indicated he would do it and it is on his calendar as such so he will be there. I said that is at the Departmental Auditorium and I just wanted to let him, Haldeman, know so he could check to see that it is on the calendar. Mr. Haldeman said it is done and they have it.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 2, 1971

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. SULLIVAN ✓
MR. MOHR
MR. BEAVER
MR. BISHOP
MR. C. D. BRENNAN
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CASPER
MR. CONRAD
MR. DALBEY
MR. FELT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. SOYARS
MR. TAVEL
MR. WALTERS

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Mr. [unclear]

RE: SECURITY OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Effective immediately new procedures are being instituted with respect to certain key memoranda dictated by me such as those relating to conversations with the President, the Attorney General, and other high officials.

When I feel that you should be aware of various aspects of these matters, I will continue to check the routing block as necessary. However, highly sensitive items are not to leave my office. If your name is checked in the routing block you will be called by Miss Gandy and must come to my office to review and initial the memorandum.

As a general rule, there is to be no Xerox or other reproduction of any memoranda dictated by me. If such action is absolutely necessary the question of reproduction must be cleared with the Inspection Division.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MR. TOLSON: —

I personally delivered
Mr. Mohr's copy to Mr.
Callahan, who was on Mr.
Mohr's desk, immediately
upon its receipt.

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June 28, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. MOHR

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	CD _____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

I want the following changes to be immediately effected
in the administrative and investigative work of the Bureau: *John Adams*

I desire SAC Joseph E. Ponder, now at New York, to be named as Acting Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division; C. D. Brennan, the present Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division, to be named Special Agent in Charge at Cleveland, Ohio; SAC Charles G. Cusick, at Cleveland, to be named as Number One Man to Assistant to the Director Mohr; James B. Adams, now Number One Man to Mr. Mohr, to be named to fill the position occupied by Mr. Rufus R. Beaver, who is retiring; SAC Richard J. Baker, at New York, to be named Number One Man at New York in the place of Mr. Ponder; SAC Neil J. Welch, at Detroit, to be transferred to New York as an SAC to be in charge of the Organized Crime investigations at New York; SAC James T. Neagle, of Indianapolis, to be transferred to Detroit as SAC; SAC John W. Burns of Oklahoma City to be transferred to Indianapolis as SAC; and Inspector O. T. Jacobson to be transferred from the Inspection Division to Oklahoma City as SAC.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Ponder
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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8:54 AM

July 6, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. C. D. BRENNAN
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Honorable H. R. Haldeman, Assistant to the President, called. He said the President asked him to check and see if I could get over to him a current progress report on the investigation of the 'Times' personnel participation in this obtaining of the stolen papers. I told him I could do that. Mr. Haldeman said this is the involvement of individuals and the President would also like to have periodic status reports. I asked him how often, and he said once a week. Mr. Haldeman said the President would like a report to bring him up to date and then to keep him filled in, but he is particularly interested in the complicity of individuals. I said we are bearing down on [REDACTED] of the New York Times and also on the angle of this man [REDACTED] (phonetic) in Los Angeles, who is an employee of the [REDACTED] and who refused to testify and has been cited for contempt. I told Mr. Haldeman I would have this done right away.

8:56 AM

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I called Supervisor W. Raymond Wannall in the Domestic Intelligence Division and told him the White House had just called and they would like to have a memorandum just as quickly as possible on the angles of the New York Times personnel who are involved in the Ellsberg case that may result in indictments or prosecution and they would like to have also once a week a status report of the progress we are making in the Ellsberg case as to those various angles like [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and anyone else. I told Mr. Wannall the one that I am anxious for now is the current progress report as I thought the President is leaving for San Clemente about noon and I would like to get it over before then.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. to Haldeman
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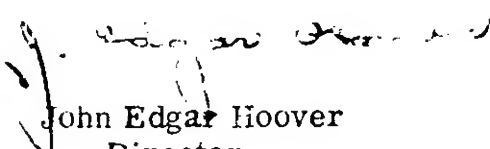
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Mr. Brennan _____
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Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Dalbey _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Walters _____

July 8, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. FELT ✓
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. BRENNAN, C. D.
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CASPER
MR. CONRAD
MR. DALBEY
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. TAVEL
MR. WALTERS

In the absence of Associate Director Tolson
and myself, the Deputy Associate Director shall act
in the capacity of Director.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. BISHOP
MR. CASPER

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

I called the New York Office and in the absence of Assistant Director Malone, spoke to Special Agent in Charge Joseph H. Gamble. I told Mr. Gamble I would like him to get word to Mr. Malone, who, I understand, is in Rochester attending a Chiefs of Police meeting, upon his return that [REDACTED] has been in to see me about an investigation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said this is going to be objective and penetrative without any involvement of politics, and it is to be headed by [REDACTED], a man who was head of the [REDACTED] and has a high reputation and is not a politician of either party and he is going to get a staff together of capable men to do the job. I told Mr. Gamble I had assured [REDACTED] that he will have our fullest cooperation and I would like to have Mr. Malone meet [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] convenience when he gets into New York and offer him any aid and assistance that we can give consistent with our responsibilities. Mr. Gamble said he would take care of this.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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10:46 a.m.

August 25, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. FELT
MR. BISHOP

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	CD _____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Young	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst called and stated he had received my note with respect to the intern program. He said he was sorry I couldn't go. I told him I am sorry, too, but I have another commitment tomorrow at just that time.

Mr. Kleindienst then said he thinks Mr. Felt will be just fine. I said he is fine; he is next to Mr. Tolson in the Bureau ranking; he is a fine speaker; and I think he can do a fine job.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 24, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. FELT
MR. MOHR
MR. DALBEY
MR. SOYARS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Galt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

On August 20, 1971, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Johnnie M. Walters called to see me.

He stated that the Internal Revenue Service was considering issuing a statement relative to the organization called "Friends of the FBI" as being tax exempt. He stated he did not want this to be done until he had spoken to me about it, obtained my views, and inquired as to whether I would be willing to be mentioned in the proposed press release as not having any connection with this particular outfit.

I told Commissioner Walters that I was particularly appreciative of his action in coming to speak to me about this matter because I had been greatly concerned about the activities of the "Friends of the FBI." I stated I thought it was nothing but a scheme or a con game to collect money which would not be spent for the purposes alleged.

I told the Commissioner I would most certainly welcome a statement being issued by the Internal Revenue Service stating that the group "Friends of the FBI" would not be tax exempt and that he most certainly could use my name in whatever release the Internal Revenue Service proposed to make.

I received today a copy of the proposed release and have advised the Commissioner that I am in full accord with its contents.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 30, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Today I saw Inspector Fletcher D. Thompson of the Inspection Division, who is under transfer to Omaha as Special Agent in Charge.

I discussed with him generally the operations of a field office and the necessity for a firm but fair administration.

I noted that the Omaha Office had no classifications of cases which exceeded 7% delinquency and hoped this would continue.

I also noted in July the Omaha Office Agents had closed 9.3 cases per Agent while the field average was 9.2, which was good.

I noted in the first month of fiscal year 1972, as compared with the first month of fiscal year 1971, the Omaha Office had increased its accomplishments in every category except convictions.

I commented on the fact that the Agents of the Omaha Office in July spent 11.5% of their time in the office, which was excessive and should be reduced.

I stressed to Mr. Thompson the value of informant coverage in all fields of our work, noting that the Omaha Office [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the necessity for intensification of the development of top level informants.

I noted that the agents of the Omaha Office in July had averaged two hours and twenty-four minutes per day overtime and, while this was excessive, I know of no way to reduce it in view of the volume of work and the shortage of personnel. I stated I wanted to emphasize the fact that I did not want any unnecessary overtime and whatever overtime was performed must be equitably shared by all or fringe benefits should be rescinded in those cases wherein the agents are not able to equitably share the overtime.

I noted since January 1, 1971, the Omaha Office has recruited 16 Special Agents, has 3 appointments outstanding, and has supplied 81

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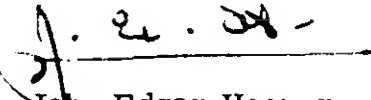
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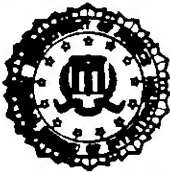
clerical employees for duty at the Bureau. I stressed to Mr. Thompson that this program should be given continuous attention.

I discussed with Mr. Thompson the Criminal Intelligence Program, noting the office has recorded 15 convictions for violations of statutes concerning antigambling and antiracketeering categories since the passage of these statutes. There are presently 11 individuals under indictment for violation of these statutes.

I spoke to Mr. Thompson about the fact I noted the Omaha Office had 4 bank robberies, 16 bank burglaries and 1 bank larceny pending unsolved and every effort should be made to correct this.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



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1:40 p.m.

August 31, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. FELT
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. ROSEN

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

SAC Roy Moore returned my earlier call and I told him that I was calling for two reasons. First, I wanted to tell him [REDACTED]

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b6 I then mentioned to Moore that I had just had a session with Assistant to the Director Sullivan and that he had taken exception to my decision on the memo recommending that [REDACTED]

I advised Moore to bear down on the Media matter; that it might be because of Assistant Attorney General Mardian that they did not call some of these people before a Grand Jury. Mr. Moore stated that they had identified most of them -- I stated the Judge could fine them for contempt. Mr. Moore stated that better still, he had 29 individuals ready to arrest in draft board cases. I questioned who the Department representative was and Moore said it was Mr. Goodwin. Moore said he had sent a teletype in last Friday (8/27/71), and had given all of the pertinent information. Mr. Moore indicated that there were actually 39 individuals involved in six different draft board cases -- that the only trouble is that in one case the evidence is based on two search warrants in the Media case. Moore then discussed various aspects of the Media case.

I suggested that Moore stop by Washington on his return from Jackson this weekend and I would order a conference held with Dalbey, the Legal Counsel, and have someone from Domestic Intelligence, and have Moore see Mardian. Moore stated that he believed such a conference has already been held. The Domestic Intelligence Division is of the opinion of holding back, but that General

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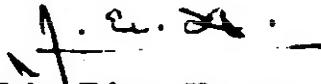
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Investigative Division is ready to go ahead. I asked who at the Seat of Government represented Domestic Intelligence Division. Moore stated he believed it had been Brennan and Shackelford.

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I then told Moore to go home this weekend and he stated he actually would prefer to stay right there. I then stated that I may have to wait to take this up with the Attorney General. I said he had just returned from California but had left for Boston and probably would not be back until after Labor Day. I told Moore to go ahead home and that we may want him to stop by Washington on his return from Jackson. I stated that I would get going with it here and get the material together. Mr. Moore stated that everything was on record -- that he had made sure of this; that he guaranteed that he had enough to arrest at least 39 people. I told Moore that I would see the Attorney General when he returns.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director